

Photo by Gil Ramsey

Tylertown Baptists and construction summer missionaries from Texas work on the foundation.

## Where grass grew, a church now grows

By Eva Wilson

**LARNED, Kan.** — The sun was sinking in the west when members of First Southern Baptist Church here and 11 Mississippians laid down their hammers and surveyed the beginning of a miracle.

Only five days before grass had waved on the vacant lot. But on this Wednesday night, the foundation and much of the sub-floor of First Southern Baptist's new building had been installed. The workers laid aside their tools and paused to worship God while sitting on "pews" made of boards and concrete blocks.

"What you see here is the power of God and a vision of a few people," said Bill Tebow, a Larned pharmacist who belongs to First Southern Baptist.

In the early 1970's, the handful of persons who attended the Larned church had considered closing its doors. Since Alan Swarts became the church's first full-time pastor in 1976, the membership has quadrupled to 130. This has prompted the need for a

new building to replace the remodeled barracks where the church now meets.

After much prayer, planning and pledging money through a Together We Build program, the church arranged with the Home Mission Board for help from volunteer work crews in constructing the new building.

A Mississippi businessman, Dewey Martin, was looking for a place to use his abilities for the Lord. Martin owns Dewey's Equipment Co., in Tylertown, which specializes in agricultural construction. In May, he and another man visited mission churches in nine states.

At Larned, they found a need for construction help, but "it looked like enough crews were lined up," Martin said.

First Southern Baptist had planned to contract out the foundation work and have volunteers supply the rest of the labor. When Martin heard the cost estimate for the foundation work, he

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## First "partnership" volunteers minister in South America

The first volunteers in the partnership in missions arrangement between Mississippi Baptists and the mission fields of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina are the states July 4 to be involved in volunteer work for two weeks in Uruguay and Argentina.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sanderford, members of Pinelake Baptist Church in Rankin County. A commissioning service for them was held June 28 at the church.

The couple will be in Uruguay during mission week in that country, and Mrs. Sanderford (Mary) will work with the missionary children while the parents are involved in the business of the mission. The mission is the organization of the missionaries on any

given field. They meet annually in business sessions. Mrs. Sanderford is a school teacher in Brandon.

Perry Sanderford will be helping in construction work at New Dawn Baptist Church in Montevideo, Uruguay, during the week that the couple is in Uruguay. Sanderford is a petroleum land man by profession but has construction as an avocation.

New Dawn Church is located in a working-class neighborhood of Montevideo and is one of the fastest growing churches in the country. The pastor is Wally Poor, who is a journalist rather than a preacher. The church is engaged in remodeling a former shoe factory into an auditorium and education space. The work is being done by the members.



### Summer missionaries serve in state

Five students have come to Mississippi to serve as summer missionaries in Rankin, Franklin, Pike and Leflore Associations. They will share their faith through personal witnessing, campground ministries, retreats, day camps, and backyard Bible clubs. The five students are Lloyd Grainger from Cantonment, Florida (J. C. Renfro, supervisor), Kathy Thompson from Tallahassee, Florida (Doyle Cummings, supervisor), Susie Beasley from Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Jeanne Rex from Bolivar, Missouri (William Wright, supervisor), and Linda Coggins from Gainesville, Florida (Glen Williams, supervisor). Orientation for the students and their advisors was held in the Baptist Building in Jackson with Ray Grissett coordinating. Pictured left to right: (back row) William Wright, J. Ray Grissett, Doyle Cummings, J. C. Renfro; (front row) Lloyd Grainger, Susie Beasley, Jeanne Rex, and Kathy Thompson. Linda Coggins is not pictured.

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## Discrimination case sent back to U.S. District Court

The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to exempt Mississippi College from investigation by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The case stemmed from a decision by the Baptist-owned college in Clinton to hire a Baptist man for a teaching position rather than a Presbyterian woman. The women, Patricia Summers, filed a complaint in 1976 that she had been denied a fulltime position with the school's Psychology department because of her sex.

She also charged the administration with discrimination against all women in hiring, promotion, and salary, and that the school discriminated on the basis of race in its recruiting and hiring of faculty members.

Acting on Summers' allegations, EEOC issued a subpoena seeking detailed information on the college's hiring practices for both faculty and administrative personnel. The document sought information on the characteristics of each member of the faculty and administration, including race, sex, religion, job classification, department, date of hire, education, and pay.

In addition, the subpoena demanded to know the sources from which the college recruited faculty members, any studies of faculty pay for the 1975-76 school year, all promotions for 1975-76 and 1976-77, all employment application forms for those two years, and the most recent EEOC reports filed by the school.

After seeking but failing to have EEOC revoke the subpoena, Mississippi College declined to comply and an action to force compliance was taken in 1978 by the federal agency to

the U.S. District Court for Southern Mississippi.

There Judge William Harold Cox refused to enforce the subpoena. His ruling said such an investigation would result in excessive entanglement by the federal government in the affairs of a sectarian institution, thereby violating the Establishment clause of the First Amendment. The proposed investigation also would violate the college's free exercise of religion, the court ruled, by inhibiting faculty selection based on religion.

On appeal by the EEOC, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the district court's order, instructing the lower panel to determine what portions of the EEOC subpoena should be enforced. The first circuit's decision was based on its view that because federal law specifically provides for sectarian schools to discriminate on the basis of religion, the threat of violating The Establishment Clause was hypothetical rather than real. In addition, the panel concluded, the burden on the college's free exercise of religion in the course of an investigation based on charges of sex and race discrimination would be minimal.

The appeals court directed among other things that Judge Cox's court clarify two legal points:

Whether Mrs. Summers' addition of racial discrimination to her complaint was filed in time. If it hadn't been done within 180 days after she left the college at the end of the 1975-76 school year, the complaint is barred.

Whether the college can show the man was hired on the basis of preference for teachers who are Baptists. If so, the EEOC cannot pursue the issue.

The appeals court said the EEOC has no authority to check on whether a church school's "religious discrimination was a pretext for some other form of discrimination" because that might clash with religious freedom.

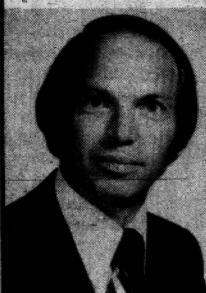
The Supreme Court ruling appears to place the ball back in Judge Cox's court.

However, Henrene Matthews, area

director for the EEOC, said he expected his office to ask the college for the records in question.

No records have been turned over by MC to the EEOC office as yet. Neither side had seen anything but newspaper accounts of the latest ruling. They await copies of the Supreme Court's ruling itself. And, apparently, they await still another round in court.

## Baptist Youth Night 1981



McCarty



Sheppard



McClary

The annual Baptist Youth Night is set for Friday evening August 14 at the Mississippi Coliseum on the fairgrounds in downtown Jackson.

Two identical sessions this year offer youths from across the state ample opportunity to attend. Organizers suggest that groups from north of Highway 80 attend the first session which will take place 5-7 p.m., and that groups south of Highway 80 attend the second session 8-10 p.m.

Personalities on stage for the 1981 version of Youth Night include Clebe McClary, Phil McCarty, and Tim Sheppard.

McClary is an evangelist who committed his life to Christ

shortly after being seriously wounded in Vietnam. Winner of the Bronze and Silver Stars, McClary is headquartered at Pawley's Island, S. C.

McCarty is a professor of Bible and religious education at Mississippi College. He is a native of Crosby, Miss., and holds a doctorate in education from New Orleans Seminary.

Sheppard is a recording and performing artist whose albums include "Diary," "Inside My Room," and "Songteller."

The 1981 Baptist Youth Night is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Theme of this year's program is "Walk in Love."

For the summer

## William Carey will try four-day weeks

the world than fight each other."

"I think we are going to bury our hatchets, pick up our Bibles and go out and win the world," Smith said in an interview at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center where he preached at the Sunday School Leadership Conference.

In a post-convention biblical inerrancy debate and power struggles that have plagued the 13.6 million member denomination for the last two years, Smith said: "Inerrancy is no longer a club to hit people over the head."

Smith said he decided the last Sunday before the convention to insert into his presidential address that the "Baptist Faith and Message" is the strongest statement Baptists need to make about the Bible, though he added he has always believed that to be true.

"I knew the conservatives respected me and believed in me. If anyone could influence people to back off on some things, I could. As president of the convention that was my job," said Smith.

However, he added, "Nobody had

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A new tactic in the battle against inflation will be tried this summer at William Carey College, according to a college spokesman.

Hugh Dickens, administrative vice-president, reports that college officials have authorized a four-day academic week during the college's second summer session beginning July 6. The measure is aimed at cutting utility costs.

The action was taken upon the recommendation of Carey President R. K. Noonkester. The committee was asked to study the feasibility of shortening the academic week and to determine whether some buildings could be closed during the session.

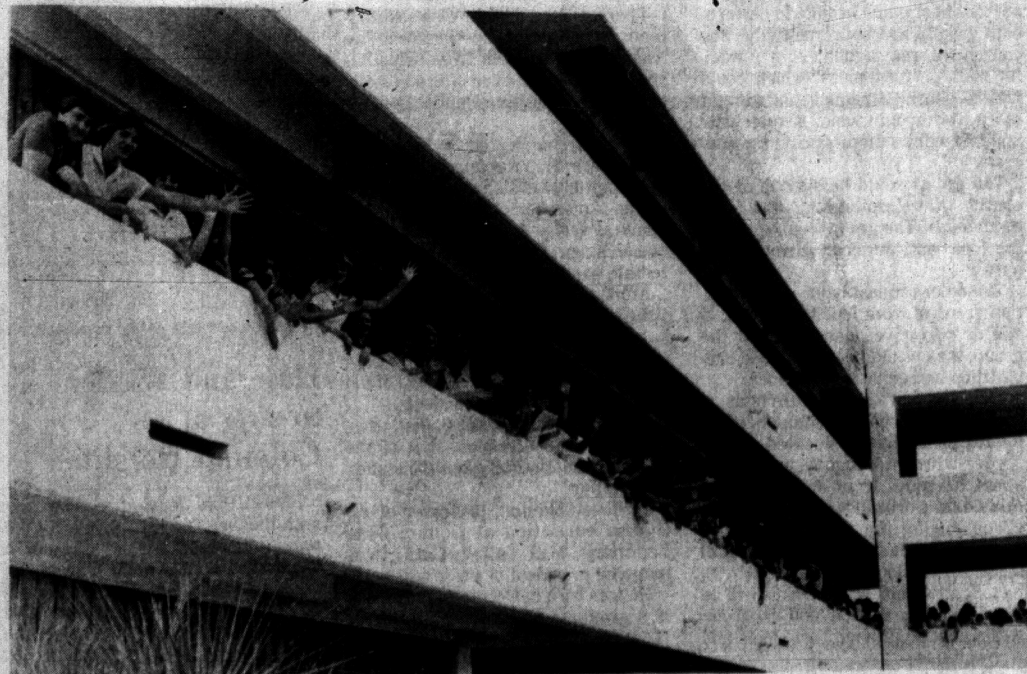
During the experimental five-week session, most classes will meet either

on Mondays and Wednesdays, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Academic buildings will be closed during the three-day weekend. When the fall session begins, class schedules will return to normal, and college officials will do a complete evaluation of the four-day week.

In making the feasibility study, the committee queried deans and department chairmen of the college. "Everyone who responded was very negative about putting cost-cutting measures into effect and was particularly interested in the shortened week idea," reported Dickens.

Those questioned saw cost savings as only one of the possible advantages of a four-day academic week. Many also agreed that longer class periods

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### Youth week at Gulfshore

These youths are cheerfully waiting in line for supper at Gulfshore during the last session of Youth Week. They were among more than 2,000 young people who attended the youth week programs this summer, having Bible study, recreation

and sessions on the Christian life. Youth weeks at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. More Youth Week activities are pictured on page 2.



## Smith: Southern Baptists would rather win the world

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any convictions to back off." Smith said he hopes the convention will now turn its attention to Bold Mission Thrust. These goals "will only be realized if the great majority of the churches are willing for God to do a significant, dramatic work in our midst," he said.

However, the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., said he believes some churches face a greater obstacle than denominational controversy in doing their part in winning the world to Christ.

"There are some people who would rather leave the lost people where they are than for the church to pay the price to save them," he told more than 2,600 conference participants.

Elaborating, Smith said, "I believe we get so in love with things as they are we resist change even when it means doing the Great Commission."

As examples, he cited churches which build recreation buildings and then forbid use of the facilities as outreach ministries and pointed to other churches which resist reaching out to poor persons or other racial or cultural groups.

"If a church builds something it needs to be there to reach people for Christ. Otherwise, it's just a country club with a steeple on top," he said.

"We need to pay the price for pride, arrogance, self-righteousness and snobbish exclusivism," which Smith called "the biggest detriments we have to reaching the world for Christ."

"The problem is we can reach affluent people and pay our bills, but Jesus said reach all people. Every church must not just be open to people of all races but must aggressively seek blacks, Hispanics, Orientals and others."

He urged leaders of churches to examine themselves, their congregations and ministries for weaknesses and look for ways to strengthen them.

"A church low in baptisms needs to repent and ask why; so does one which is not giving what it should to the Cooperative Program," he said.

"When people criticized us (for low percentage of gifts to the Cooperative Program), I tried to take it as an admonition to do better," said Smith. "Any area where a church is weak, it ought to be willing, very graciously, to admit it and change."

Of contributions he hopes to make in the second year of his presidency, he said, "If Bailey Smith can make any contribution, I would want it to be to lead Southern Baptists back to the simple proclaiming of the gospel and commitment to reaching people."

After being away from home for more than three weeks, Smith was to return to Del City June 26 to begin the church's annual Starlite Crusade in which he will preach 17 consecutive nights.

"They tell me I'm the youngest president of the convention," quipped Smith. "It's a good thing or I wouldn't have survived."

### Homecomings

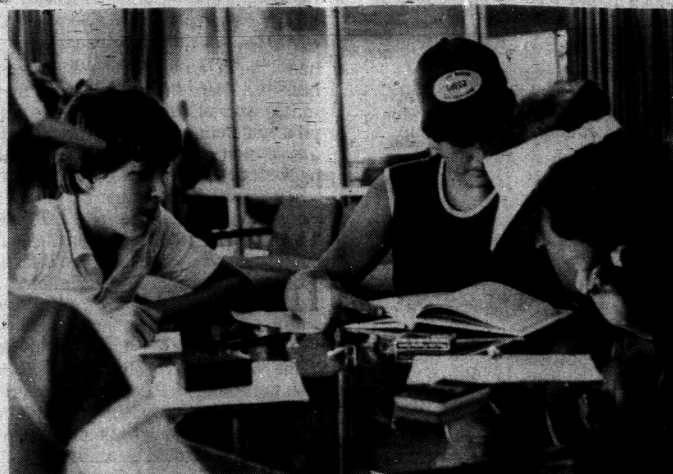
Oakvale Church, Lawrence County, will observe homecoming July 12. In addition to regular Sunday morning services there will be dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon. There will be no Sunday night service. A revival will begin that day with John Brock, Pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson as evangelist. Services will continue then Mon.-Fri. (July 13-17), at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sammy Chisolm is pastor.



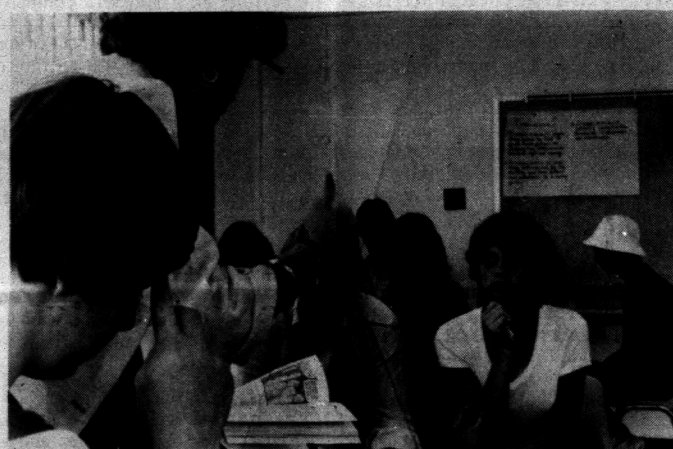
New SBC officers

Pictured are the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention. From left, they are President Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla.; First Vice President Christine Gregory, of Danville, Va.; and Second Vice President Don Kim, Pastor of Berendo Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

## Youth Week



These four youths from Pine Grove Baptist Church, Picayune, beat the heat in the air conditioned lounge at Gulfshore. From left they are Austin Ladner, Don Chenert, George Simmons, and Rhonda Kelly.



Melody Tune of First Baptist Church, Jackson, teaches a course that all youths who attend Youth Week take on the subject of living the Christian life.



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### Hale and Wilder to sing at Colonial Heights

Robert Hale, leading bass-baritone with the New York City Opera Company, and Dean Wilder, director of vocal studies at William Jewell College of Liberty, will be presented in concert on Thursday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. The public is cordially invited, according to J. Gerald Harris, pastor.

A leader doesn't worry about being on the right track. He makes the track.—Walt Streightiff

I love these little people; and it is not a slight thing when they, who are so fresh from God, love us — Charles Dickens

### William Carey will try for...

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could provide an improved teaching time block and Fridays without classes would provide time for faculty planning, in-service activities, and community involvement.

Also mentioned were two advantages for the student—cutting travel costs for commuters and providing a more convenient time block for students who must work while attending college.

According to Dickens, the responses also brought up some important questions: Will fatigue prove a detriment to learning? When will extracurricular activities be scheduled? Will offices that employ students be understaffed on class days?

## Trustees name search committee

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have elected a presidential search committee to seek a successor to 30-year veteran Duke K. McCall, who announced his retirement plans June 10 during the SBC meeting in Los Angeles.

McCall will become the seminary's first chancellor upon the election of his successor, trustee chairman Wayne Dehoney told the 1,300 guests at the alumni luncheon in the Biltmore Hotel. The chancellor will serve at the request of the new president. Those trustees named to the search committee are: William K. Weaver, president of Mobile College, Mobile, Ala., and vice-chairman of the seminary board; Joseph E. Stoper, attorney-at-law, Louisville, the longest-tenured member of the board and its former chairman; T. T. Crahtree, pastor, First Church, Springfield, Mo., immediate past chairman of the board; Ben Murphy, vice-president, Tyler Corporation, Dallas, Texas, and a former officer of the Baptist Sunday School Board; John Lawrence, pastor, Forest Hills Church, Raleigh, N. C., former national president of the seminary alumni association; Floyd Roebuck, pastor, First Church, Rome, Ga.

Dehoney, who is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, will serve ex officio on the committee.

A dozen distinguished alumni will be chosen to serve as an advisory panel to the search committee, Dehoney said, and a wide variety of denominational leaders from the state conventions, mission boards, and the other SBC seminaries would also be consulted.

Suggestions regarding the presidential search have been invited, and a special post-office box has been secured for the purpose of communicating directly with the committee. Dehoney said mail should be addressed to: Search Committee, Box 6757, Louisville, KY 40206.

McCall, who has served as president of the denomination's oldest institution longer than any other person, will continue as president of the Baptist World Alliance until 1985.

Before going to Southern Seminary in 1951, McCall was chief administrative officer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (1946-1951), and also served as president of New Orleans Seminary (1943-1946). He was the youngest person ever to hold any of those three positions.

## Church Training Retreat set for church leaders

Macklyn Hubbell, associate professor of pastoral studies at New Orleans Seminary, will be guest speaker for the Church Training Leadership Retreat at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Aug. 12-15.

The retreat is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's

Church Training Department.

Hubbell, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss., will be joined on the program by Bill Wade of Bay Vista Baptist Church, Biloxi, who will be song leader.

Ken Trinkle, of the Florida Church Training Department, will teach asstational officers. Ken Mooney, director of Church Training for Louisiana Baptists, will teach general officers.

David Lee, pastor of Commission Road Baptist Church, Long Beach, will teach teachers of adults. Paul Nix, of the Florida Church Training Department, will teach youth leadership. Dot Hammatt of Nashville, Tenn., will teach children's leadership. Dan Fowler, of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, will teach preschool leaders.

Mrs. Robert Williams, Jr., of Columbia, Miss., will teach leaders and parents of the mentally retarded. Her husband is pastor of Improve Baptist Church. There will be activities for retarded persons attending the retreat. Sessions begin with supper on Wednesday, Aug. 12, and the program concludes with Saturday's lunch.

For reservations, write Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. Include check for \$15 for each person for whom reservations are requested. This fee applies toward total cost of retreat.



### Church growth meets planned for state

A series of Church Growth conferences are set in the last half of August to explore how a church can grow through evangelism and Sunday School.

Each of the six conferences has an identical program and each will meet 7-9:15 p.m.

The sessions are designed for all Sunday School workers, pastors, ministers of education, and general Sunday School and outreach workers.

Tupelo is the site of the first session, Aug. 17, at West Jackson Baptist Church. First Baptist, Indianola, hosts the second on Aug. 18. The third will be at First Baptist, Philadelphia, Aug. 20.

First Baptist, Natchez, will host the fourth on Aug. 24. Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, will host the fifth on Aug. 25. and First Baptist, Gulfport, will host the last on Aug. 27.

These meetings are co-sponsored by the Sunday School and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

### Baptist men's rally set

Tickets to the banquet portion of the Baptist Men's Rally, Aug. 21, are on sale at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The banquet features William E. Thorn, humorist from Texas, and costs \$6 per person.

The rally, which begins at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet, will be at the Mississippi College coliseum. The conference portion of the rally begins at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the conference portion. Lambert Mims, mayor of Mobile, Ala., will be speaker at the conference.

Tickets may be obtained by writing the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phoning 968-3935.

## Briarwood Drive, Jackson, R.A.s grew quickly in one year

In October 1980, the Briarwood Drive Baptist Church in Jackson had 6 boys in its 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Royal Ambassador program with 1 counselor. This number has increased to 27 boys and 5 leaders under the leadership of Max Johnson and is still growing.

A sponsored football game at Mississippi College, missions trip to Gulfport, Christmas caroling to the shut-in neighbors, sang at two nursing homes, and attended two Jackson Mets baseball games.

Fifteen of the boys have completed the individual requirements for their Page, Squire, and Knight awards and are working on the electives.

They have had seven members of the R. A. family accept Jesus as Savior during this year.



Briarwood Drive R.A.s shown in picture above are Kenny Thornton, Billy Byrd, John Stingley, Mike Curry, Sean Gilbert, Christ Perry, Erik Chang, Joel Wallace, Robert Wallace, Joe Travis, Scott Mixon, Lee Green, David Agard, Joey Rader, Chris Coleman, Brent Shepard, Ken Crocker, Kiley Ham, Mr. Max, Jason Clark, Chris Kirkland, Joel Sugg, David Guedry, Counselors Mike McLendon, Marvin Earnheart and Howard Crocker. Not pictured are Jesse Adcock, Jim Adcock, Scott Bates, Jamie Bush, Kevin Cole, Scott Gobson, Benjie Salers, Scott Selers.



This young person from Chunky Baptist Church is returning a volleyball in a hotly-contested game with Harrisburg church, Tupelo.

### First "partnership"

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The group would be from six to 12 persons in size and be able to perform both vocally and instrumentally. The church will rent a theater for a week for such performances, which could include Christian music as well as more traditional music. Evangelistic appeals will be made during the concerts.

The group would be staying at the church with sleeping bags and foam mattresses. The group would provide the food, and the church would prepare it.

The other request is for a construction group of from four to six men. If one or two wives accompanied the group, they would be used in food preparation and general assistance.

This group would go to Artigas, a city of 25,000 with a church of 50 members. Artigas is located on the border between Uruguay and Brazil about 420 miles from Montevideo. A missionary would accompany the group during the entire stay. The group would install a wood ceiling 20 feet from the floor for an area 32 by 85 feet. Scaffolding and materials will be supplied by the church, and the group would need to provide basic tools and a power saw.

After the ceiling is finished, the building will be dedicated and it is hoped the group could remain to be used in evangelistic endeavors. This request is for any time between Aug. 25, 1981, and May of 1982. Again, the group would provide their own food and would sleep in sleeping bags on foam mattresses at the church.

### Few state people spoke during SBC

There was a dearth of Mississippians on SBC-related programs in Los Angeles. No current Mississippians spoke, prayed, or even offered resolutions at the Southern Baptist Convention itself.

One, Marsha Herrod, of First Baptist Church, Eupora, appeared during the Woman's Missionary Union meeting as a member of the National Ac-teens Advisory Board. She also was one of six girls who served as the first female pages during the SBC.

Among the singers during the Baptist Church Music Conference were R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City.

Owen Cooper, also from Yazoo City, gave remarks during a segment of the SBC for former SBC presidents.

And one former Mississippian presided over a conference, that of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

J. Roger Skelton, professor of religious education at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was outgoing president of the group.

He was born in Prentiss County and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He earned the doctor of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Skelton is married to the former Bessie Ruth Murray of Jackson. They have two children, Martha Skelton of Richmond, Va., associate editor of The Commission magazine of the Foreign Mission Board; and Frederick R. Skelton, a Nashville businessman.



# Missionaries avoid politics but it doesn't avoid them

By Bob Stanley  
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A new urgency underscores Southern Baptist missionary work in the troubled heart of middle America.

Like many developing areas, this strategic sector linking two continents is changing. Strong outside influences, combined with varying degrees of local unrest, already have toppled one government and threaten another.

In Guatemala, the tempo of guerrilla attacks has increased in recent months. Southern Baptist missionaries stay out of politics, but this doesn't mean they aren't affected by it.

Harry Byrd, coordinator of the 25 missionaries assigned to Guatemala, was eating supper at his home in Guatemala City April 30 when his neighbor interrupted to ask to use the Byrds' phone to call police.

The neighbor operates an international radio station on his property, and that night 10 masked guerrillas seized the station, put their propaganda on the air, and forced the staff to evacuate after warning them all entrances had been wired to explosives that would be set off by anyone trying to re-enter.

Byrd, a veteran of 14 years in Guatemala, seemed relatively unperturbed by the incident. A special police squad later determined the "bombs" were just empty boxes, he reported.

Reflecting the next morning on the incident, Byrd commented, "I've been praying the Lord would help me to get better acquainted with my neighbors."

In some countries like El Salvador, missionaries have to measure the risk they take in staying against the need for them to remain. A Baptist leader in another middle American country puts it this way: the insecurity of people whose nations are torn by fighting makes the security offered by faith in Christ all the more desirable.

Few missionaries would want to be martyrs, or by staying, to endanger their national Baptist church members who might try to protect them.

But by taking certain precautions,

working in areas that are believed to be relatively safe, and concentrating on training local church leaders, most Southern Baptist missionaries plan to stay as long as they feel it's safe to do so.

Much work remains to be done in areas that are safe and where there's almost unprecedented openness to the gospel.

Honduras, as yet little affected by the troubles of its western neighbor El Salvador, has welcomed hundreds of U.S. volunteers who have built churches, held dental and medical clinics, and fitted thousands of persons with eyeglasses.

Now the 33 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to this country, about the size of Tennessee, are issuing an urgent call for more general evangelist missionaries to help them take advantage of the goodwill and openness created by the volunteer teams.

"We can use all the general evangelist missionaries we can get," says Tom Canady, chairman of the Honduras Baptist mission (the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in this country).

In Guatemala, convention president Isidro Hernandez puts priority on the need for "pioneer type" missionaries who can work alongside Guatemalan Baptists to open new areas.

Such a team approach provides an effective way of training the Guatemalan Baptists. If for any reason the missionary has to leave, a trained worker remains who can carry on the evangelistic outreach, Hernandez says.

What can Southern Baptists do to support missionaries in such troubled areas of the world? One Middle American mission observer put it this way:

1. Pray for their physical safety.
2. Pray for their emotional stability. "It's awfully easy to begin thinking with anything but your head in circumstances like that. Pray that they don't 'run scared' but that they will be able to deal with things as they arise."
3. Pray for their spiritual maturity

"so that they'll be able to handle circumstances, know how to be God's spokesmen and interpret to their national brethren."

But this doesn't mean getting personally involved in local political situations. "The quickest and shortest way to an early grave in Latin America," the observer said, "is to get involved in politics."

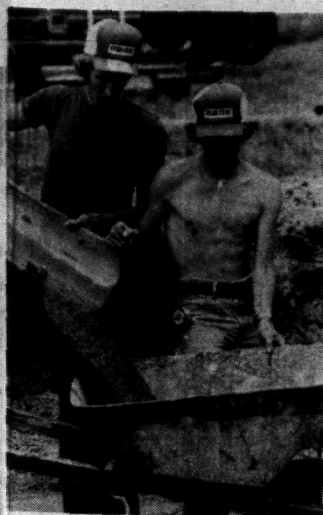
Stanley, director of news and information services at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, accompanied a group of Baptist editors on a recent tour of four middle America countries.

## Vicious bees drive Knapps to hut for three-hour stay

KYELA, Tanzania (BP) — Swarming African honeybees attacked Southern Baptist missionaries Doug and Evelyn Knapp and several Tanzanian Baptists as they rode in an open land-rover to an associational meeting.

The group fled to a nearby hut, but the bees pursued them. Leaves piled hastily on the hut's cooking fire smoked out the bees, but they continued to attack anyone attempting to leave the hut.

One member fled through the



Duane Felton (left) and Wayne Martin help pour concrete for the new church building's foundation.

## "Priorities in ministry" topic of growth meets

A series of Spiritual Growth Conferences for ministers and their spouses is set for August in four Mississippi cities: Columbus, Pearl, Grenada, and Greenville.

Leaders for these conferences include James Barry, pastoral section consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Leon Emery, director of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The sessions are designed for minis-

ters and their spouses. This includes pastors and all other ministerial staffers.

Sessions and dates are as follows: August 10, Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus; August 11, McLaurin Heights Baptist Church, Pearl; August 13, First Baptist Church, Grenada; and August 14, Associational Office, Greenville.

There is no cost for this conference, however, Emery, whose office plans the meeting, suggests that the book *Priorities in Ministry* be purchased and read before the conference.

Each meeting begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, phone 968-3905.

## Carey adds two to faculty



Boggan Dawkins

Two new faculty members—one in church vocations and the other in New Testament studies—have been named to William Carey College's Department of Biblical Studies and Church Vocations. They are Frank Dawkins and Charlie W. Boggan, both coming to Carey from Louisville, Ky. Dawkins' appointment becomes effective Aug. 15, 1981, and Boggan will join the faculty on Jan. 1, 1982. Each will hold the rank assistant professor of religion.

As Carey's church vocations professor, Dawkins will be responsible for the development of a church vocations program that will prepare students to fill church staff positions, with particular attention to the needs of Baptist churches.

Dawkins received the bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University, N.C. He has earned the master of divinity, the master of religious education, and the doctor of religious education from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He comes to Carey with five years of practical experience in the field of church vocations, having served as director of the Institute for Urban Ministries in Kentucky and as a church education instructor at Boyce Bible School of Southern Seminary.

Boggan, a native of Amory, Miss., holds the bachelor of arts from Mississippi College, a master of science in counseling from the University of Tennessee, and a master of divinity from Southern Seminary. He plans to complete the doctor of philosophy degree, emphasizing New Testament studies, at Southern Seminary in December.

For the past five years, he has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Waddy, Ky., and, having received the Garrett Fellowship, has taught New Testament Greek at Southern Baptist Seminary under the supervision of Frank Staggs.

Managua, Nicaragua — Southern Baptists provided and the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua distributed 3,000 easy-to-read Spanish New Testaments at the completion of a six-month, nationwide government literacy campaign in Nicaragua.

## Where grass grew a church now grows

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realized the church's need to save money and recruited a construction crew.

Nine members of the crew belong to Tylertown Baptist Church and the other two belong to Centerville Baptist Church.

The Mississippians arrived in Larned on Sunday, May 31. After leading the evening worship service they went immediately to the building site and laid floor markings for the foundation. By Wednesday night they had installed the foundation and enough of the sub-floor that the prayer service could be held there.

Martin estimated that the crew saved First Southern Baptist \$12,000 to \$15,000 by pouring the foundation and building the sub-floor.

Although the Mississippians worked throughout most of the long Kansas

summer days, they found time to go sightseeing. They visited Boot Hill, a replica of a historic cowtown at Dodge City; Fort Larned National Historic Site, and the Santa Fe Trail Center museum at Larned.

In the summer of 1980, Martin and several other persons on this crew did mission construction work in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Business was so slow then that Martin thought he would have to lay off some of his employees. But since then he has hired eight employees. By March 1981, his company had done as much business as the entire year of 1980.

So when the chance came to go to Larned, Martin said he knew he "couldn't turn the Lord down."

In the future he hopes to add enough key people to his staff so he can do mission construction work two to three months a year.



Dewey Martin, a Tylertown businessman, washes the footings for the new building that will replace the remodeled barracks First Southern Baptist Church, Larned, Kan., is now using.

## 5,000 Argentines hit town for centennial

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (BP) — More than 6,000 Argentine Baptists descended on Buenos Aires recently for a two-day festival of centennial meetings and parades that took the city of nine million by surprise.

Traveling from every part of Argentina, Baptist delegations, totaling almost 30 percent of national church membership, participated in a two-hour parade through downtown Buenos Aires and crowded into Obras Stadium for two nights of preaching and celebration.

Like neighboring Brazilian Baptists, the Argentines are celebrating 100 years of national Baptist work. In 1881 Swiss Baptist Pablo Besson began work among European immigrants, and later organized a Spanish-speaking congregation in Buenos Aires. Southern Baptist missionaries arrived in 1903 and

Besson's pioneer work nationwide. The Argentine Baptist Convention, organized in 1908, today claims 314 churches with more than 22,000 members. Seventy Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned to Argentina. According to missionary Benjamin Bedford, national and city government officials and Baptist representatives from Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay were among about 5,000 who attended the first night's service.

The next afternoon, a "Baptist convoy" of 129 buses and hundreds of cars paraded through central Buenos Aires for two hours, escorted by police. The evening service drew 6,500, overflowing the small stadium. Bedford estimated 1,000 people were turned away. Backed by a 300-voice choir, Baptist leaders preached and celebrated Argentine Baptist history.

Both stadium services were broadcast nationwide by Radio Argentina. "I think we made a real impact on this city," said Bedford. "The people were impressed, and so were the government officials. But the most valuable part of this was the encouragement for believers. They came from all over Argentina, where they're isolated from each other, to be together. Here they realized they're not alone."

"Now Argentine Baptists are united and challenged for the second century," he said.

Argentine Baptist leaders hope the celebration will rally support from across the denomination for an ambitious program of evangelism, church growth, education and community ministry slated for 1981-84.

Mississippi Baptists recently pledged support and volunteer assistance for Argentine churches, as well as those in Paraguay and Uruguay.

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## Churches, mission centers help Atlanta's young people

By Mary Knox  
ATLANTA (BP) — Fearful that summer could bring an increase in the murders of young blacks, Atlanta Christians are offering programs to keep children off the streets.

The city remains besieged by fear which has accompanied the murders of 28 children in 23 months. All the victims have been black, and most of them have been males between the ages of seven and 17. Four have been females.

Investigators believe more than one person is responsible for the slayings, although they think several of the murders are related. One man has been arrested and charged with the murder of the latest victim.

"This summer will be a crucial time for our children," said Martha Creel, director of Stewart Avenue Baptist Center. "With schools closed, they have more time to run the streets. And with so many of them away from adult supervision, we fear more of them could be caught."

Most of the summer programming has been supplied by the Children's Project, sponsored by the Christian Council of Metro Atlanta, an ecumenical group.

More than 70 churches are par-

ticipating in the project, started after black members of the Christian Council told about tensions tearing at Atlanta's black community, said Dorothy Lara-Braud, communications director for the council. At least seven of the churches are Southern Baptist.

"Some of the major services of the project include provision of transportation, link-ups with food sources and help in finding summer employment for teens," Lara-Braud said. "But each cluster of churches and mission centers works out its own programs, depending on what the churches can do and what the communities want."

Church support particularly is needed because federal funds for summer programs are insufficient to meet the city's immense needs, Lara-Braud said, noting this year it's "doubly important" due to the mass murder danger.

An example of the cooperation evident this summer can be found in the Techwood Homes housing project, in the shadow of downtown. Six churches — three Southern Baptist, a National Methodist, and a Presbyterian — are working with Clark Howell-Techwood Baptist Center to help neighborhood kids.

The churches provide a day camp for older children which includes recreation, Bible study, a noon meal and occasional swimming and movies, said Terry Moncrief, director of the Techwood center.

In addition, the center receives help from seven church groups from across the South. Together, they're sponsoring another daycamp for younger kids, aged three to 11.

However, not all Southern Baptist support has been channeled through the Help the Children Project.

## N. Y. group beached awaiting savior's arrival

NEW YORK (EP) — About 60 members of a little-known religious sect called Yahweh Yehoshua went home disappointed after waiting several hours on Coney Island Beach for the Messiah, said police, who had feared they planned a mass suicide by walking into the ocean.

Police said the congregation, clad in white headresses and robes, sat on the beach under sunny skies in 80-degree weather for several hours May 25 waiting for the Savior.

They thought the Messiah was going to come today and part the waters at 3 o'clock," said police officer Richard Swanson. The leader of the group, who calls himself Apostle Shah Ben Yah, began to walk into the water, escorted by a female, sometime

Rainbow Park Baptist Church in suburban Decatur is helping to provide recreation, Bible studies and meals to kids who attend Stewart Avenue and Memorial Drive Baptist centers. Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta supports work done by inner-city Emmanuel Baptist Church, ministries in the city's Grant Park area and help with the Stewart Avenue center's programs, in addition to manpower provided to the Techwood project.

But whatever their channel for involvement, Atlanta area Baptists are participating in summer projects because of concern for the city's young people.

Rainbow Park Church is involved because "we believe the entire city is our community; anything that happens in Atlanta concerns us all," explained pastor Gene Tyre.

"If our church is to have integrity in Atlanta, we must minister to the city," added Robert Marsh, pastor of Second Ponce de Leon church. "We can't take pride in being comfortable and secluded in suburban areas. We must see this problem as a mission of the church."

And, many people wish, church involvement in the inner city is only the beginning of long-lasting relationships between Christians and decayed communities.

"We hope this is an ongoing project," said Ken Lyle, pastor of The Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta, located downtown near Techwood Homes.

"The murders of these children are tragic," he said. "But they're just intensifications of the problem of poverty and neglect that has always been here and probably will remain after the murders stop."

during the afternoon, according to police. He beckoned other church members to follow, but they refused. At 9 p.m. they dispersed.

Swanson said the congregation was outnumbered by a crowd of about 200 people, mostly family and friends, who tried to persuade church members not to commit suicide.

Police showed up because of a telephone call received about two weeks ago telling them the congregation, believed to number about 500, planned to wait for the Messiah and that they "would be prepared to leave this Earth with him and go to heaven," according to Capt. William Baer. Asked about the nature of the church, Baer said, "I don't know what it is, to be truthful."

## MC plans pre-school workshop

CLINTON—Doris Haver Rouse, writing preschool Sunday School curriculum for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, will be among the special consultants on hand for the 13th annual Pre-School Workshop scheduled for Mississippi College July 20-24.

Theme for this year's workshop will be "Roots and Wings for Children of the 80's." The workshop can be taken for credit or non credit and scholarships are available.

In addition to Mrs. Rouse, other consultants will include Patricia Hazel Travis, minister of religious education at Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson; Jane Moore, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, Auburn University; T. Gilmour Reeve, assistant professor of HPER, Auburn University; Patricia Jobe, University of Southern Mississippi; Mrs. Betty Barber, Mississippi College Lab School; and Mrs. Mary Beth Hanbery, First Baptist Church in Garden, Clinton.

For additional information on the workshop contact Frances McGuffee, professor of home economics, at Mississippi College, P.O. Box 4054 or call 925-5131, Ext. 211.



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## Editorials

### The postage rate. . .

Congress is still deliberating the fate of the revenue forgone subsidy that has for decades, perhaps more than a hundred years, made it possible for second-class, nonprofit mailers to send material through the mail inexpensively. That day is gone, and those mailers have been moving toward a pay-our-own-way position

since 1971. This phase-out system was to have been culminated in the 1987.

The Reagan budget as originally conceived would have wiped out the subsidy completely in October of this year, and mailing costs would have doubled. This may still happen. There has not been a definitive announcement. The Baptist Record has been in

touch with congressmen, senators, the office of the President, and Postal Service officials. There has been no final word.

We want churches to be informed for the purpose of budget preparation. If the subsidy is wiped out, the Baptist Record's subscription rates for the Every Family Plan will be increased

from \$3.48 to \$5.64 on Jan. 1, 1982. This is still only 47 cents per month per family, a bargain anywhere in today's economy.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that some part of the subsidy will be eliminated. So postage rates are going to increase. At this time there is no way of knowing how much.

### Burzaco in Argentina . . .

## A house of prayer

The Burzaco Baptist Church in suburban Buenos Aires was begun because a missionary family went into the area on faith and began to witness to the people in any way that they could. Glen Johnson, the missionary, began to construct a masonry building, sports teams were organized, and young people began to form the nucleus of the new church.

Johnson is a man of prayer. He hardly makes a move without making it a matter of prayer. As he began to feel that the sports programs had done about all it was possible for them to do, he began to pray for help in music. This brought Daniel Lucero onto the scene.

Daniel comes from a musical family and from a musical church. The way pieces of the picture fit together on the mission field is a marvel to behold and gives one an appreciation for the dependence on prayer that is found there.

The Daniel Lucero story actually begins with Missionary Mell Plunk, who was pastor of Oeste (West) Baptist Church in Mendoza, Argentina. In order to involve the young people there, Plunk organized a youth choir. The choir became a good one and was used in other areas. A young journeyman missionary, Lee Rickaway of Texas, and his wife were assigned to Mendoza; and they began to help. Daniel Lucero became the assistant director of the choir, and Johnson heard them perform. When Daniel started to the seminary in Buenos Aires, Johnson felt he was the one needed to carry the Burzaco choir on to greater achievements and thus make an impact for the church.

Lucero moved in to take up the choir program where its first director left off. The first director was a well-known song writer in religious music when he went to the church. He began

with nothing and built a choir.

During that period Johnson began to collect songs and finally got 200 in a note book. Seven or eight of the songs were written by young people of Burzaco Church. The choir director had contests on song writing and poetry on selected themes. One of the boys who became involved has now entered the music school at the seminary. He learned guitar to be able to be a better performer in music.

The arrival of Daniel Lucero at the seminary and subsequently at Burzaco Church signalled a new day in music for Argentina churches. Few churches have been ready to provide the salary for a full-time music director, but this is what Daniel feels is his calling.

Plunk went to Oeste Church when it had 35 members. He put on an intensive program including a comprehensive music program, and the church grew to 200 members before he became a staff member at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond. He trained Daniel to be the assistant choir director, and from that Daniel felt a call into the ministry of music. At this point he works at the post office and attends the seminary in addition to being music director at Burzaco.

He is a part of an energetic family. His father, Patricio Lucero, is chairman of deacons at Oeste Church. When Plunk left, the direction of the affairs of the church fell to Lucero. The church acquired contacts from the States and translated them into Spanish. Patricio couldn't read music, so he listened to tapes to learn the parts he was to sing. The entire family is musical as well as energetic. Another son is Mario, who hopes to pursue a music education in the States. At this time his lack of ability in English is posing a problem. Two

daughters are Adriana and Graciella. The four children have recorded several numbers which they have put on tape with fine accompaniment. James Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and I spent a night with the Lucero family in Mendoza. I was presented one of the tapes, and it has become one of my prized souvenirs of the trip.

The Lucero family had no way of knowing that Dallas had been our home for 20 years before we moved to Mississippi, and two sons still live there. When we walked in the Lucero home we found one of the girls had on a T-shirt with "Dallas" on the front. In my broken Spanish I got her to understand that Dallas had been my town.

The story of the success of Burzaco Church continues with one victory after another in the church. A boy named Pedro was a member of a Mormon church in South Argentina. He went to Buenos Aires and began to visit Burzaco. He became interested in a girl there, and she began to witness to him. He was interested enough that he went with her as they visited other churches, but they could find none that provided what they wanted as did Burzaco. Finally they became so convicted that Burzaco was the place for them that they asked to talk to Johnson. When he was able to convince the boy that Jesus is God, the boy accepted Christ.

Johnson married the couple. Early in March of this year they became parents and presented their newborn baby to the church.

Pedro is in the central office of the police department of Buenos Aires. He has given out eight Bibles in the department, one of them to a high official.

Alberto was 16 when he first started

going to the church. Recently, he went into the military.

His mother died when he was eight. He got into trouble with the police and went to Johnson for counsel. Johnson went with him to talk to the police, and he was cleared. He was converted and began to read the Bible. Johnson says he has a tremendous capacity to remember and to lead others.

Johnson said a number of retired people are in the church because of the witness of the early members. One woman was so impressed with the lives of other boys that she wanted to pay to have her son attend the church. She was told that it was free, and the boy attends.

Johnson's goal is to use Burzaco as a base for a satellite ministry. He feels the work can reach out in about 15 blocks in every direction. He will use young people won in the church as witnesses.

He plans to build a chapel shortly and start a new work. Marcos Dioquez, who has been a major influence in the work at Burzaco, probably would become the director of the new work, Johnson said.

Prayer will assure the success of the new work just as it has brought about the success of Burzaco. Members at Burzaco helped to construct the auditorium that is now in use. It seats 170 people. The church had only \$1,100 when the construction began, Johnson said, and added that God provided the means to complete it.

When the time came to put the roof on there was not enough money. The church prayed, and a man not a Baptist came by with an anonymous donation from a Baptist. The envelope he handed Johnson contained \$120. Within two months, Johnson said, the Lord had provided \$4,000, and the roof was on.

Surely Burzaco is a house of prayer.—DTM (Photos on p. 5)



## America's birthplace

If I had 45 days and \$4,500 to spare I'd ride the Central Kingdom Express from London to Hong Kong. I like trains that well. Taking note that trains in this country just might be stopped in their tracks come October 1, I boarded the Crescent June 17 at Meridian, for Philadelphia, Pa., and the convention of National Federation of Press Women. A derailed freight car delayed us an hour. Then 24 hours more got us to the city of brotherly love.

I was disappointed that AmTrak has taken away the elegant white tablecloths and the silverware in the dining car, to serve meals on plastic trays like those of airlines. From my spot in the last car I could see the whole train when we got into mountain curves. A full moon brightened Atlanta. When I lowered the bed it filled the whole 5 x 7 roomette. I zipped the curtain so I could protrude into the corridor without being seen, climbed onto the mattress, and slid the door shut. Now I'll brush my teeth, I thought. But the folding lavatory would not unfold with the bed down, and I had to step back into the corridor, let the bed up, and start all over. Before I turned out the light I read my favorite verse in Psalms (33:14)—"From the place of his habitation he looked upon all the inhabitants of the earth."

Besides the train, my transportation was by taxi, trolley—and trudging. Looking by night at the lighted city of Philadelphia from the 14th floor of the Hilton, I remembered a line from a Delta Airlines folder: "Here's where you became an American, instead of a British colonial."

Meetings were mostly at the University of Pennsylvania. Two convention plusses the Pennsylvania Press Club offered: "countrywide friendships" and "free flow of thoughts as we approach common problems." I think they tried to outdo Mississippi in friendliness and hospitality. They certainly offered variety in workshop topics and in entertainment fare. We elected national officers. Mary Lou Webb, editor of the Wilk-Amite Record in Gloster and associate editor of the Franklin Advocate in Meadville, Miss., is the new third vice president.

The program turned toward economics, and medical and health writing. Among the speakers

were Lawrence Klein, 1980 Nobel Prize winner in economics at the Univ. of Penn.; Giovanni Rovera, who talked at the famous Wistar Institute of Medical Research about the technique of using monoclonal antibodies in detection and sometimes cure of cancer; Victor Riesel, newspaper writer, television news analyst, and consultant on foreign affairs; and Hazel Brannon Smith, newspaper editor and Pulitzer Prize winner from Lexington, Miss.

After the Masquerade Dinner, the Polish String Band, "best of the Mummies," played the liveliest music I've ever heard. ("Dixie" I liked most.) In line with their 1981 theme, "Toyland Comes Alive," the musicians were dressed as dolls and toy soldiers. Some wore soaring headpieces sprinkled with lollipops. (The English-German word, Mummies, means for one thing, "disguising one's self." In Pennsylvania it came to describe masked and costumed figures who paraded at New Year's. Philadelphia's Mummies are costumed string bands. I'd have liked to see their freedom Festival Parade on July 3.)

"Kissin' wears out...cookin' don't," say the Pennsylvania Dutch. Be that as it may—they do know how to cook. The Pennsylvania Dutch luncheon at International House was scrumptious—meat pie, cheddar cheese, pickled and beet eggs, corn custard, apple cider, and shoe fly pie (made from molasses, eggs, and brown sugar, and topped with spicy crumbs.) Jean Stoneback, a writer who lives on a Pennsylvania farm, was the speaker. She wore a long blue print dress with white apron and bonnet.

Franklin Institute officials permitted the press women to dine under the science museum's dome, so we rode the Fairmount Park trolley to the banquet, where Women of Achievement were recognized. The Mississippi Woman of Achievement for 1981 is Jane Tannehill, managing editor of the Union Appeal, at Union. I sat a table between Betty Kennedy, managing editor of Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, and Margaret Coyne, free-lancer of Maryland. Beside us toward

the statue of Benjamin Franklin, a diplomat (Continued on page 5)

### Guest opinion . . .

## Not ashamed of the gospel

By Keith Ward

Dr. Grissom, Mr. Ray, members of the administration, members of the faculty, relatives, and fellow classmates:

It truly is a pleasure and an honor for me to be able to speak on behalf of the class of 1981. Today is the first day of the rest of your lives.

I am sure that most of you are familiar with that saying. When you think about it, it really is true. Each new day is the first day of the rest of your life. But for the graduating seniors of the class of 1981, this day especially marks the beginning of the rest of our lives. We have 12 or more years of schoolwork behind us, and now we are advancing in many different directions into our futures.

What kind of world is it in which we will be living and working? I think if you have halfway glanced at a recent newspaper or a TV nightly report, you have seen what the world is like. One hears of abortion, child abuse, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, riots, murder; and the list could go on. Prices are going up, morals are going

down. It is not a pretty picture. In fact, it is a dark and gloomy one.

I believe that the problems of the world today are a direct result of our rebellion against God's ways. Our nation is rejecting and even ignoring the One Star of Hope that can save us from the darkness of this world. That is why the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ.

Although we are a whole nation in need of deliverance, as individuals each of us has a decision to make. Either we choose to live for Christ or we choose to live for ourselves. If you reject Christ and decide to live your life as you want to, you are actually telling God that you do not need or want His ways.

The Bible inquires, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Have you neglected that salvation forever?

Let's assume that you do continue to neglect it and yet you accomplish much in your long, successful, prosperous life. The Bible inquires again, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

In providing a way of salvation for lost souls, Jesus died on the cross in our place; and He wore a crown of thorns that should have been thrust down upon our heads. He was that serious about His love for us. Then should not we also be sincere in looking at our lives and determining for whom we will live? The choice is up to you. No one can make that decision for you. It is God's will that all would accept the free gift of eternal life through Jesus. Even now it is being offered to you and again you have the opportunity to accept or reject.

Think about it! There are many ways to reject it: you can feel that God's Word is complete foolishness and not have anything to do with it, or you can feel that God's Word is just alright. Either way you have rejected it.

There is only one way to accept it, and that is to open up your heart to Him and allow Christ to rule in your life. You will not find true happiness and fulfillment in life until you do. If you continue to say no to God, you will be needlessly searching for the rest of

your life. Do not waste your life in this way.

Actually we are not guaranteed any time to waste!

I must say that as I was planning this speech, the thought came to me that I might be embarrassed to say all of this; but I remembered several of my classmates who are not embarrassed because of their life-styles of partying and drinking; and all of a sudden I could not see myself

ashamed of the gospel of Christ, the power of God. If they are openly proud of their bondage to sin then I will stand here and be proud of my bondage to the One whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Keith Ward, 17, was the salutatorian for the 1981 high school graduating class of Charleston, Miss. This is his commencement address. He is a member of Cascilla Baptist Church.

## Letters To The Editor

The opinions registered in the letters to the editor printed on these pages do not necessarily reflect those of the Baptist Record.

Letters to the editor are limited to 400 words.

### Ministry of the Scripture

Editor:

I'm glad to be able to report to you news of some recent positive achievements in Scripture distribution.

During 1980, more than 85 million copies of God's Word were distributed in India alone, making that country the largest distributor of Bible Society Scriptures in the world. Throughout Latin America 95 million Bibles, New Testaments, portions, and selections reached those who need the comfort and guidance of God's love. And for those just learning to read, New Reader Scriptures became available in the languages spoken by three-quarters of the world's population.

These are the results of just a few of the activities which have been initiated largely at the request of the churches to help them serve their mission and world outreach needs.

I wanted to share these glimpses of Bible work with you because the support of your denomination helped make them possible. Thank you from all of us here at your American Bible Society, but even more so we convey to you the thanks of so many who come to know about Christ the Lord because of your help.

The American Bible Society has

existed for 165 years to serve the churches and it was with their help that we have been able to carry out these worldwide efforts of Scripture evangelism. It is a partnership that is working splendidly.

The Bible Societies of the world are now being faced with unprecedented opportunities to sow the seed that is the Word of God in new soil. People of the war-torn Middle East are clamoring for the Christian Scriptures. Supplies of Bibles and New Testaments cannot keep up with the demand in Africa. And in Latin America the churches are enthusiastically encouraging their followers to obtain and read new Bible Society translations.

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During 1980 Southern Baptists gave \$292,970 for this ministry through the American Bible Society.—Editor

### Appreciation for education

Editor:

Upon graduation from Southwestern Seminary this spring in Fort Worth, I could not help but want to put my arms around every person that helped make it possible. There were many friends of mine in not a few churches in Northeast Mississippi that helped put me through seminary. There were some churches in Northeast Mississippi that sent help from time to time along with one church in south Mississippi. Then, of course, every church that gave to the Cooperative Program helped share in my education. For every copper cent and prayer uttered on my be-

half. I want to say, "Thank you!" How true it is that no one is a self-made man. There are countless people who have made priceless contributions to my life, for which I will always be eternally grateful.

Mississippi Baptists, accept my heartfelt gratitude for your faithful giving that helped lay the eternal bricks of truth in my life.

In gratitude to Jesus for using Mississippi Baptists.

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### The miracle continues

It's no wonder that the West Jackson Street Baptist Church called a church-wide day of worship at the Civic Auditorium, in Tupelo, Mississippi, "Miracle Day In May." It seems that over the last 19 years of its existence that the West Jackson Street Baptist Church has been nothing short of miraculous.

The church began in May its 20th year of existence and celebrated the great way in which God has blessed the church. The church started 19 years ago as Spring Street Mission with a membership of about 30 members. Soon after I was called as pastor, the mission of Calvary Baptist Church here in Tupelo relocated on West Jackson Street. Since that time growth has been the norm for the church. Now 19 years later, instead of 30 members it's 1,400 members. West Jackson Street Baptist Church has sustained a

net growth each year of its 19 year existence. In a celebration of thanksgiving and looking forward to more days of growth, the church came together en masse for a day of worship and praise. This would have been impossible in the present facilities of the church, which now are burgeoning under the load of two Sunday morning services and space problems.

The membership met at the Civic Auditorium at 10:30 a.m., May 17th and had a mass Sunday School lesson taught by Davis Odum, Associate Pastor of the church.

I preached the eleven o'clock hour following the congregational singing and praise by the church's 70-voice Sanctuary Choir.

Attendance for the morning service was 1,038 people. That evening at 7 p.m., the church returned to the Civic Auditorium for a presentation of the musical, "Songs for the Church Triumphant," by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra of the West Jackson Street Baptist Church under the direction of Rick Forbus, Minister of Music.

This is a brief picture of the great overall growth of which our church has been experiencing, and we wish to share with others just what the Lord has done in our midst. We just never cease to be amazed at what the Lord has done for us and what He is still doing.

Richard Clement, Pastor  
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# Winston County Crusade will begin next Sunday at Louisville

The 4,700 Baptists in 28 churches of Winston County Association are sponsoring an Encounter Crusade, July 13-17. Services are to begin nightly at 7:30 at the Louisville Coliseum.

The evangelist will be Sonny Adkins of New Hebron, who held pastorates in Mississippi and Alabama before entering fulltime evangelism in 1977.

Danny and Renee Brock will be in charge of the singing. Danny is minister of music at First Church, Ridge-land. Renee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reno of Louisville. Music will feature a 100-voice crusade choir, solos, and other special music.

There are to be other special features during three of the five nights of the crusade. One night Rick Stanley, Elvis Presley's step-brother, will give his testimony.

James Rutledge, pastor of Cason Church, will tell how he encountered Jesus while he was a fugitive from the law.

Bill Lemonds, a former alcoholic, will share how he met the Lord, and how Jesus took him from a life of despair, friendlessness, and joblessness and gave him a ministry in radio.

July 6-12 was set aside as a week of

"Encountering God in Prayer." Each day on the radio program, "Daily Devotions" a testimony and emphasis on prayer is being given. On Wednesday evening, July 8, the prayer meeting time in the churches was given to prayer for the crusade.

The churches were asked to have cottage prayer meetings during the week. These will conclude on Friday evening when a broadcast on WLSM-FM radio calls the community to prayer. The program will be aired from 7 to 7:30 p.m. All people in the listening audience will be asked to pray for the crusade.

A 24-hour prayer vigil will be in effect from 6 a.m. Saturday, July 11, until 6 a.m. Sunday, the 12th. Each church has been assigned an hour of prayer.

A pastors' family-encounter fellowship and prayer meeting is planned for Saturday, July 11, at 6 p.m. at Warner's Restaurant. A free meal will be provided for the pastors' families. The fellowship will conclude with the pastors' families in prayer for the crusade.

A family prayer breakfast is plan-

ned for Sunday, July 12, at 7 a.m. The crusade has been on the calendar for some time. Those who have served on committees are: Onan Gardner, general chairman; Jerry W. Stevens, Winston director of missions and involvement chairman; Steve Quinn, finance chairman-treasurer; Benny Buckley, counselor and follow-up chairman; Kenny Hunt, prayer chairman; Ken Anderson, publicity chairman; Jeff Creekmore, music chairman; Gale Gregory, outreach chairman; Wayne Fults, youth chairman; and R. N. Palmer, usher chairman.

Washington (BP) — Congress acted within its constitutional authority last year when it excluded women from military registration, the Supreme Court has ruled. The high court decided 6-3 that Congress' responsibility under Article I of the Constitution to "raise and support" military forces took precedence over a challenge by a group of men that the exclusion of women from registration denied them due process and equal protection under the law.

## Arizona elects Wendell Freeze

PHOENIX (BP)—Wendell Freeze, president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected associate executive director-treasurer of the state convention, effective July 1.

Because the ASBC convention prohibits a convention employee from being an officer of the convention, Freeze will relinquish his president's gavel to Charles Pollard, pastor of Twenty-Second Street Baptist Church of Tucson, who has been first vice president.

Prior to his election, Freeze was vice principal of Kofa High School in Yuma.

As associate to executive Jack Johnson, Freeze will be director of business operations and be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the convention business office.

He will also be director of communications and editor of the Baptist Beacon. As editor, Freeze will be administrator and will not be responsible for writing weekly editorials. The day-to-day operation and production of the Beacon will continue to be under the supervision of the assistant editor, Elizabeth Young, who came to the Beacon in June 1980.

Freeze has been active in SBC activities on local, associational, state and national levels. Currently, he is Arizona's representative on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and is a member of the 1981 Committee on Committees. On the state level, he was a trustee of Grand Canyon College for six years and is a member of the ASBC Executive Board.

## First female MC grad dies at 93

Anna Ward Aven Whittington, 93, the widow of the late U.S. Rep. William Madison Whittington, died June 24 at her home in Greenwood.

Born in Winona, she lived most of her life in Greenwood. She was the first woman to graduate from Mississippi College. She later served as a trustee of the college.

While her husband was a congressman for Mississippi, Mrs. Whittington served as president of the Congressional Club, the official organization of wives of senators and congressmen of the United States. Whittington was known as the "Father of Flood Control" in Congress and was responsible for much of flood control and construction of levees in Mississippi while in office from 1925 to 1951.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., June 25, from First Baptist Church, Greenwood.

Survivors are two sons, William M. Whittington, Jr., Charles Aven Whittington, both of Greenwood; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Davenport, Stone Ridge, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

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## Devotional

### I could not snap my fingers

By Kenneth Walters, pastor, Fellowship, Meridian  
Philippians 4:13

As a small boy, I attended the Steele Baptist Church, near Forest, Miss. One of the many memories that I cherish about those days was when my grandfather would direct the singing for that small country church.

His cue for the choir to stand to sing was to snap his fingers. I dreamed of some day directing the singing, but I could not snap my finger for the choir to stand.

Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13 NASB). I learned to accept this as I learned to snap my fingers. Little did I know at the time when I would dream of directing the singing for a small country church, that God would call me into his ministry.

God has graciously allowed me to enjoy singing and even to have the opportunity to direct a choir on some occasions. I thank him for calling me to share in his ministry in proclaiming the Word, not only in singing, but also as a pastor of one of his churches.

Into the life of each Christian will come those experiences which seem to be impossible, but often the impossibility is just a detour to strengthen the faith. It is in learning to do these new things that God guides and directs our spiritual growth in a way that will bring honor and glory to him.

When YOU face the insurmountable tasks that come into your life, remember, "You can do all things through him who strengthens you." You may even learn to snap your fingers.

I can now snap my fingers, but I have never used that as a cue for the choir to stand to sing.

## Participant finds MC Elderhostel stimulating

(Note: Elderhostel, a program of continuing education for senior adults, is held each year for a week or two at Mississippi College. Those participating come to Clinton from Mississippi, and all over the nation, and spend a week in the dorms, to take one, two, or more courses. The following is a report from Mrs. Eunice Campbell of Vicksburg, who enrolled for Elderhostel the third week of June. She is a former business manager of the Baptist Record.)

By Eunice J. Campbell

Sunday afternoon, June 14, I joined senior adults from five states: Missouri, Louisiana, California, Florida and Mississippi (including Janie P. Metzger of Vicksburg) for Elderhostel, a program on continuing education for retired persons. Mississippi College was the only college in Mississippi offering the program this summer.

We were all there to learn about the Civil War; to learn how to make jewelry or paint a picture; and for an in-depth study of the creative writing of Eudora Welty as presented in her many books.

The emphasis is on a learning experience," stated Dorothy Carpenter, state Elderhostel coordinator, also director of Mississippi College Elderhostel. No one wanted to dwell on age, but only to continue the learning experience. Three married couples and 13 women stayed in Gunter Hall, near the B. C. Rogers Student Center which houses the book store, post office, game room, and dining room. There was also a snack room where one could go for coffee at break time or for sausage in biscuits, cold drinks, and other snacks. Jeannie Lane, dorm hostess, looked after our needs and she and Mrs. Carpenter made us feel special.

The Civil War in Mississippi drew most of the senior adults to Mississippi College. Each morning we joined a class of young students (all men) for a lecture coordinated by Ron Howard. He began the lectures on Monday with Antebellum Mississippi: A Social Perspective. Tuesday, Albert Scheller, Vicksburg National Military Park, presented a most interesting lecture on The Mississippi Front: Campaigns and Battles. He joined us again on Wednesday for a tour of the military park. We made the tour in two vans, air-conditioned, comfortable. We stopped at strategic monuments or battle scenes for special emphasis by Mr. Scheller. Our last stop was at the Missouri Monument where we sat on the back steps.

For the answer to the question as to why we fought the Civil War, join those of us who will assuredly return for next year's Elderhostel. You will enjoy this delightful learning experience as we did.

## Nine from state to get diplomas

Degrees will be conferred on 146 graduates July 17 during summer commencement at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. President Russell H. Dilday, Jr., will make the diploma presentations to the graduates, including nine from Mississippi.

The graduates represent 25 states and five foreign countries. R. Kirby Godsey, president of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, will deliver the commencement address.

Mississippians who will receive degrees are: Michael Edward Bell, MDiv, former pastor, Pleasant Hill Church, Ashland; Rickey L. Burton, MDiv, in-laws — M/M Hansel Scruggs of Okolona; Richard Dale Cox, MRE, in-laws — M/M Ivan Aldrich of Jackson; David Eugene Hamilton, MDiv, parents — M/M Winfred Hamilton of Maben; Mike Hayden Miller, MDiv, lived in Southaven for eight years; Don Lester Hulsey, MDiv, parents — M/M Glen Hulsey of New Albany; Gene Neal, MRE, parents — M/M A. L. Neal of Leland; Phillip Mark Spigner, MRE, parents — Mrs. Hubert S. Spigner of Tupelo and the late Mr. Spigner; Charles

My attention was drawn to the continuous call of a bob white in a tree down the hill to our left. I listened for the answer of his mate.

Having been provided with delicious brown bag lunches, we stopped at the large picnic area in the cool shade of the many large oaks, pines, and other trees. Lunch over, we headed for Fort Nogales (Fort Hill to Vicksburgers) and then to the Cairo Museum. No trip to Vicksburg would be complete without a tour of the Old Court House Museum. Two of our women purchased headgear — one a Civil War hat (gray) and the other a Navy cap properly identified, which they wore most of the time for the rest of the week.

On Thursday I particularly enjoyed the dramatic presentation of Wartime Vicksburg. Life in the Bluff City by Terence Winschell of the Vicksburg National Military Park. Dressed in his Confederate Corporal's uniform with large straw hat, rolled upward on one side, he gave a first person presentation which brought tears to my eyes.

Encouraged by Dr. Howard to do so, we asked questions. One person said, "I want to ask this young student a question which I wish him to answer quickly without taking time to think. Then I wish to ask the corporal to give the official answer." They both agreed. The question was "Why did we fight the Civil War?"

Friday's presentation was by Roger Walker, State Department of Archives and History, on the subject, Company H: The Simpson Fencibles. That night a trip to the planetarium was most enjoyable.

We were included in several other activities, an ice cream party in the Gunter lounge, a meeting of the summer B.S.U. where we heard a meaningful message by the minister of the Wells Memorial Methodist Church in Jackson. Steve Glaze, teacher of the art course, invited us to his home where we met his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glaze, and saw his paintings, sculpture, and pottery.

"If these people can participate in Elderhostel they will never grow old. Seeing and feeling their enthusiasm gives me hope that older people don't have to feel that they are castaways," commented Sarah Rouse, retired English professor who conducted the creative writing sessions.

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## America's birthplace

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philosopher, scientist, printer, author, and statesman—the Man of Achievement who signed the Declaration of Independence, Treaty of Alliance, Treaty of Peace, and the Constitution of the United States.

Franklin is the one who in his Poor Richard's Almanack advised, "If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing."

In 1787, as the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia was drawing to a close, Ben Franklin looked at the high back of George Washington's chair where he saw the likeness of a sun and its rays, and remarked, "I have often and often in the course of the session and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that behind the president without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now at length I have the happiness to know that it is rising and not a setting sun."

## MEETINGS

**MEETING GOD AT EVERY TURN** by Catherine Marshall (Chosen Books, 254 pp., \$9.95) Catherine Marshall selects and recounts 12 major episodes from her life—times that were for her a turning point: romance, illness, single parent, loneliness, second marriage, second family. And she thinks through and relates the principles which guided her as she made decisions about those life changes. "Is there a God who cares about me? Will He help me get out of the mess I'm in? Will He strengthen me, forgive me, heal me?" In *Meeting God at Every Turn*, Catherine Marshall answers, "Yes!" The book is written with the vividness and honesty typical of this author. She has used some new material and some previously printed. To add freshness, she turned to journals she has kept since college days. Her central discovery through the 12 encounters with the Lord as traced in this book is that "it is possible for any of us to have a one-on-one personal relationship with Him" and that "He can make the difference in every situation."

At all-night lock-in

## Journeyman leads study of Brazil

The members of Cliff Temple Church near Natchez were locked in the church Friday night, June 19, during a Bible and missions study. The lock-in was led by Katrina Campbell, journeyman to Brazil, with assistance from Jan Simmons, Acteen leader, and Betty Tarver, WMU director. "The ten unsuspecting girls were faced with an 11-hour series of events which led to some inner evaluation and growth," said Jan Simmons. (The theme for the evening, "New Creatures," paralleled the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly with the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, the early Christians, and Christians today.

The evening's activities began with a look at the book, *Hope for the Flowers*, an intense study of the Gospels concerning Christ's death and resurrection. This was followed with a look

**ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSON ANNUAL, 1981-82** (Convention Press, paper, 414 pp., \$5.70) This fifteenth volume of a Life and Work commentary is edited by Rice Pierce. It provides exposition, teaching suggestions, and enrichment materials for teachers of adults using the Life and Work Sunday School studies. A different writer has prepared the lesson for almost every Sunday, for this book. Among the Mississippi or former Mississippi writers are William Fennell, Brooks Wester, Bryant Cummings, James Porch, and Mose Dangerfield.

**THE SECRET DREAM** by Muriel Fontenot Blackwell, illustrated by Ronald R. Hester (Broadman, 127 pp., \$7.95) Through the story of Nette, age 10, Mrs. Blackwell paints a vivid picture of life among the Louisiana Cajuns just as World War II was beginning. The author, a Louisiana native and descendant of the Acadians, spent some time in graduate study at Mississippi College. She is now manager of the Preschool-Children's Group,

Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Characters in this book, she said, were drawn from persons in her childhood memories. Nette has a dream of leaving the farm to go to high school and college, something rather unheard of in her family. Her uncle John schemes to make her dream come true, but quite a few problems get in the way. Then World War II brings abrupt changes to the Douget family and their way of life. As in all of her writing, Muriel Blackwell has done a fine job. Descriptions of farm life on the Louisiana prairie are special. The dialogue of the Cajuns, showing the influence of the French, is intriguing. The book handles it naturally and well.—AWM

**Choco, Colombia** — A five-year-old girl was at the point of death when a Southern Baptist medical team arrived in her village in the Choco area of Colombia. "She was diagnosed as having malaria," missionary Vic Norman recalled, "and treated with medicine we had brought with us." Properly treated, the little girl was up and playing before the caravan left the area. In evening services, several villagers made professions of faith and a local church was organized. The medical team has made plans to return to the village, to provide medical care and to help strengthen the newly organized church.

## Burzaco in Argentina



Daniel Lucero, music director at Burzaco Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, directs the choir during a Sunday night service.



Daniel Lucero, left, is introduced by Marcos Dioquez on the occasion of Lucero's first service with Burzaco Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Lucero is music director. Dioquez is a lay leader in the church.



Missionary Glen Johnson, pastor of Burzaco Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, takes his turn at ping pong during a Saturday evening fellowship.

## Strike does not end church mission effort

PINCKNEYVILLE, Ill. (BP)—What does a church do about its mission gifts during a miners' strike, when many of its members find it necessary to cut their own giving?

The Beaucoup Baptist Church near Pinckneyville, Ill., faced that problem when its budget offerings dropped as much as half from its pre-strike level of about \$3,000 a Sunday.

Pastor George A. Strickland said the church decided it could not afford for any of its programs to suffer during the strike. Instead, the treasurer is authorized to borrow necessary funds each month to meet normal re-

quirements of the budget.

"Beaucoup Church gives 23 percent through the Cooperative Program, 3 percent to Nine Mile Association, 1 percent to the Baptist Children's Home, plus \$100 a month toward the new Calvary Chapel in Pana," Strickland said. "And we're continuing those gifts, even if it means borrowing to do so, as well as meeting our local expenses."

The Beaucoup Church is also aggressively involved in "Each One Enroll One" campaign to increase Sunday School enrollment.

## Jaycee president will speak at northeast youth rally

An area youth rally, involving 15 associations of northeast Mississippi will be held Saturday, July 11, at the Itawamba Junior College Student Center, Fulton, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Four music groups to give presentations are the Second Century, Blue Mountain College, Joe Shelton, Monroe, La., soloist; the Phoenix, a musical group from Corinth and Jeff Walker, Tupelo, soloist.

Terry Rhodes, of Van Vleet, president of the state Jaycees, will be the featured speaker.

The rally is being sponsored by First Baptist Church, Fulton; Don Quick, associate pastor of that church, is the coordinator.

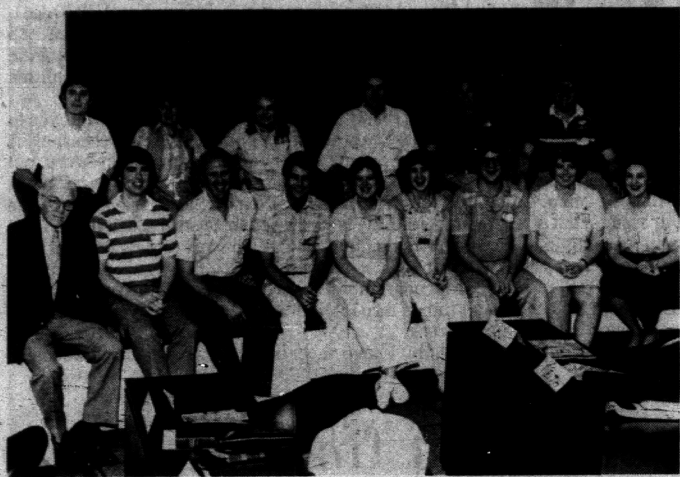


## Names In The News...

Myron C. Madden, director, Department of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, led a seminar in pastoral care at King's Daughters Hospital of Brookhaven, on July 7. The theme of this meeting was "The Power To Bless." This seminar was sponsored by the Lincoln County Chaplains Association and the Continuing Education Department of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Golden Gate Seminary graduates, 1981, include two from Mississippi. James Loyd Scott, Brookhaven, received the master of divinity degree and Ozzie Carter of Natchez received a diploma in theology. Commencement exercises were held on the seminary campus at Mill Valley, Calif.

Paul Cornwell celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of Hardy Church (Grenada) Sunday, May 10.



Baptist Student Union leaders attended a Summer Training Program at the Sunday School Board in Nashville in May. Pictured with Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries (far left) are (l to r) Ricky Kelly, BSU president, Delta State; Keith Cating, Ole Miss BSU director; Greg Smith, Ole Miss BSU president; Donna Fielder, MUW BSU president; Marla Bell, Blue Mountain BSU president; Scotty Goldman, East Central BSU president; Anne Brownlee, Blue Mountain BSU vice president; Mary Brooks, Mississippi state BSU president. (Second Row) Kent Miller, USM summer BSU president; Nat Dunn, USM BSU president; Jan Halford, Co-Lin BSU president; Steve Bennett, Northeast BSU president; Robin Jumper, MC BSU president; Lloyd Luncford, associate, Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work.



SYLVARENA CHURCH, WESSON, honored eight women May 3 for their 40 or more years of service in WMU. In the morning service they received special recognition. Claude Howe of New Orleans Seminary preached. A dinner was held in the women's honor. Those honored are: (row next to building, top down) Myrtle Crawford, Clara Jackson, Modena Raney, Nettie Greer; (outside row, top down) Myrtle Britt, Evelyn Edwards, Amy Hutson, Betty Lowrey. The BYW of Sylvarena Church sponsored the recognition of these women. Matt Buckles is pastor.



Paul Blanchard has accepted the call to become pastor of Airport Church, Grenada. He moved there from Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas, and from Southwestern Seminary. Blanchard is a former pastor of Blue Lake Church at Lambert, and a former director of missions for Quitman County Association.

Tom Gautier, minister of education, Pass Road, Gulfport, has resigned to become pastor of Manchaca Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.

Big Springs (Lincoln) has called Frank Lewis as pastor. Lewis was ordained at Clear Branch on Sunday evening, June 28.

Karen Massey, wife of the Emmanuel, Grenada, minister of music, Greg Massey, has begun work as financial secretary at First Church, Grenada.

Hebron Church, Grenada County, has called Leon Heimbach for the second summer as youth director. Heimbach is from Hernando.

Elam Church, Yalobusha County, has called Jamie Stark as summer youth director. He is a 1979 graduate of Bruce High School and will enter college this fall.

Calvary Church, Yalobusha County, has called Hinton Hardin as pastor. Hardin and his wife have moved on the field.

First Church, Water Valley has employed Kimbrough Simmons as youth activities director.

Millard L. Swinney of Olive Branch is a patient at the Veterans Hospital, Room 1049-N, in Memphis, TN, after suffering a heart attack. He will be having open heart surgery the first part of July. He has served as pastor in north Mississippi for 26 years. "He would appreciate the prayers of his Christian friends," stated his wife. The Swinneys live at 6274 Chickasaw Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

Gertrude Lippert, 85, of 100 Sunset Drive, Clinton, died Saturday, June 20, in Inglewood Manor, Jackson. She was a doctor of languages and for many years, until retirement, taught at Mississippi College. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Clinton. Funeral services were held Monday, June 22, from Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home, Jackson, with burial in LaPlatta, Mo. Survivors include three sisters, Blanche Cooper of Rollins, Wyo.; Marie Hasher of Clinton; and Hazel Wert of Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Northcrest honors pastor, reviews growth

Special services on July 5 at Northcrest Church, Meridian, marked the eighth anniversary of Chris and Beth Cornelius as pastor and wife there. Cornelius preached at the morning service; a noon meal was served in the fellowship hall.

In the afternoon, open house was held at the pastor's home. An addition of 600 sq. ft. of floor space has been made to the house. A revival which began Sunday is continuing through this week (see "Revival Dates" column.)

Four and one-half years ago, Pastor Cornelius had heart surgery (a mitral valve and two by-passes.)

Northcrest was organized in 1966. One member recalls, "God's greatness can be seen by all who knew the struggle to survive which the church experienced the first six years, from its beginning to the time Chris and Beth said yes to God's call to come here."

"The first six years the church spent some \$22,000 more than her receipts just to keep the doors open. Loans and sale of small church bonds had exhausted her ability to continue, it seemed. During the life of the church scarcely more than \$100 had been given during any year for total missions giving."

"For the 1974 budget, 10 percent of undesignated income was added, to be given through the Cooperative Program. Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings flourished, along with state missions and others. "Now 22 percent of the church undesignated income is channeled through the Cooperative Program, and the mission during 1980 exceeded \$10,000."

Also the church has built and paid for building and landscaping valued at \$100,000. The debt has been substantially reduced.

### Arm dedicates fellowship hall

Arm Church, Silver Creek, dedicated its new fellowship hall on Sunday, July 5, which was homecoming day there.

The dedication service took place at 7:30 p.m., following regular Sunday morning service and lunch at the church. L. C. Anthony is pastor.

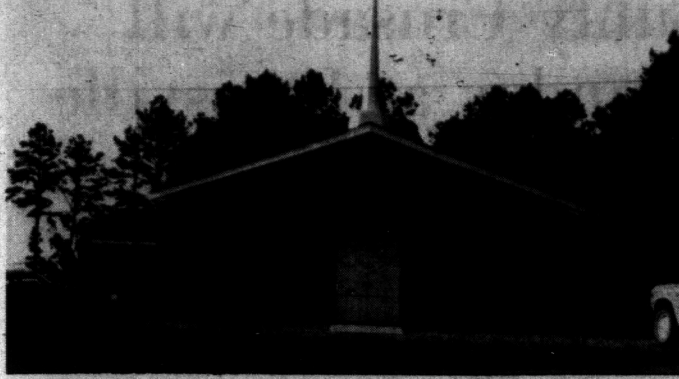
James and Charlotte Watts, missionaries to Italy, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. A. L. Lowe, 1208 Polk Avenue, Pascagoula, MS 39567). They are natives of Mississippi; both grew up in Pascagoula. They were appointed in 1967.

Edward L. and Nita Taylor, missionaries to Brazil, have completed language study and arrived on the field (address: Caixa Postal 221, 50000 Recife, PE, Brazil). He was born in Greenwood, Miss. They were appointed in 1979.

Malcolm and Jean Nichols, missionary associates to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Dr. James Nichols, 2025 Westwind Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660). She was born in Meridian, Miss., and lived there and in York, Ala., while growing up. They were employed in 1977.

Virgil and Amy Cooper, missionaries to Korea, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Yeo Eui Do, P. O. Box 165, Seoul 150, Korea). Born in Water Valley, Miss., he also lived in Aliceville, Ala., and Vicksburg, Miss.

William and Judy Davis, missionaries to Bolivia, are the parents of Maria Katherine, born May 30. Currently in the States, they may be addressed at Route 2, Box 233-B, Clinton, N.C. 28328. Born in Hammond, La., he grew up in Newton and Clinton, Miss.; and Red Spring and Cary, N.C. The



River Hill's sanctuary has been remodeled and bricked and a steeple added. Ground was broken recently for additional Sunday School space.



Building Committee members at River Hill, Itawamba County, break ground to begin an addition to the church. Left to right, front row: Milburn Rodgers, Bill Miller, Kenneth Gillingham. Back row: Jay Brown, S. E. O'Brian, pastor, and James Langley.

### River Hill men remodel own church

River Hill Church, Itawamba County, recently broke ground to construct an addition to the back of its building for extra Sunday School space and for Children's Church.

Two years ago this church had a white block building with only three Sunday School rooms and two restrooms. There were 12 active members. The church voted to become Southern Baptist, to join Itawamba Baptist Association and called S. E. O'Brian as pastor.

In one and one-half years Sunday School attendance grew to a high of 252 and Church Training to 160. A new baptistry was built and 64 were baptized in it within a year's time. During this time a group of men, members of the church, were building six Sunday School rooms, a fellowship hall, an office, and three new restrooms.

Also the men of the church did all the work (except laying the brick) in remodeling the sanctuary—adding the baptistry, carpet, choir loft, new vestibule, and steeple.

### Clinton youths attend Missouri, 'Centrifuge North'

The young people of First Church, Clinton, Miss., attended 'Centrifuge North' on the campus of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.

'Centrifuge North' is sponsored by the recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and is a summer camp that has a full program of recreation, youth musicals, puppetry/drama, backpacking, Bible studies, personal devotions, fellowships, sports and night services. It is for students from all states.

former Judy Smith of Mississippi, she was born in Vicksburg and lived near Eupora while growing up. They were appointed in 1978.

Ralph and Gena Calcote, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 1-7-34 Torikae, Chuoku, Fukuoka 810, Japan. He is a native of Lincoln County, Miss. They were appointed in 1961.

### Pray for MKs

July 12—Daniel Green Watson (Philippines), Mississippi State

July 15—Andrew Fitts (Peru), Mississippi State

(Note: Mary Trott of Brazil, at Mississippi College, celebrated her birthday July 3.)

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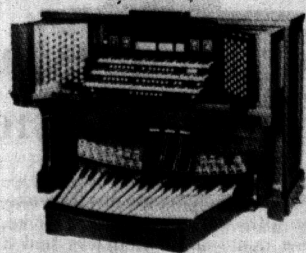
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Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, held a Mission Recognition Service June 3 to present awards to Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, and Royal Ambassadors. Richard Collum, minister of education, and the RA leaders presented awards to the boys. In grades 1-3, photo at right, first row, l to r: Greg Stanard, Lad 2 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; Jim Rutland, Lad 1 Shield; Chad Walters, Lad 3 Shield; Jay Taylor, Lad 1 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; Sean Harrison, Lad 3 Shield; Second row: Berk Sauls, Lad 1 Shield; Jason Collum, Lad 1 Shield; Trey Barner, Lad 1 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; David Humphreys, Lad 2 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; Jonathan Graves, Lad 1 Shield; Third row: Trey Wooton, Lad 2 Shield; Bruce Alford, Todd Shivers, Lad 3 Shield; Shane Tyson, Lad 3 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; Michael McMillan, Lad 3 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; not pictured: John Celoria, Lad 1 Shield, 1 bar, 1 star; Jonathan Corley, Lad 2 Shield, 1 bar, 2 stars; Todd Dalton, Lad 2 Shield; Kyle Cook, Lad 3 Shield; and Bryan Mohon, Lad 3 Shield.



The youth Ministry Choir of First Baptist Church of Petal recently presented a Dallas Holm, Paul Johnson youth musical entitled "BELIEVER." The above picture shows the 22 voice choir under the direction of Gordon Alford in their outside concert surroundings. The "BELIEVER" musical was presented on the lawn of the First Baptist Church for the Petal area. The Youth Ministry Choir also shared this musical with Shilo Baptist Church in Marion County and New Hebron Baptist Church in Jeff Davis County.

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Joe McLain, page shield; second row: Danny Taylor, squire shield; Montgomery Hinton, squire shield, 1 bar; Donnie Kennedy, squire shield; third row: Shaun Hand, squire shield; David Taylor, Knight shield, bar, 3 stars; Neal Mercer, knight shield; not pictured: Dale McGregor, knight shield, and Bobby Waldrop, knight shield. Kermit D. McGregor is pastor.

First Church, Water Valley is beginning a summer mission project at the Water Valley Boat Landing. This is sponsored by the Baptist Men, who will hold Sunday services each week at the Landing at 8 a.m.

Temple Church, Hattiesburg, completed payments on its sanctuary June 1. A symbolic note was burned June 14. Left to right are G. C. Myrick; Harry Luce-nay, pastor, M. L. Trussell; C. S. Lightsey, Jr.



Broadmoor Church, Gulf Coast, has new stained glass cathedral windows, as part of a remodeling project, according to the pastor, Tony Porter.

Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, will show the film, "A Thief in the Night," Sunday night, July 12, at 7:15 p.m.

First Church, Grenada, has begun a summer resort ministry at Grenada Lake. Mrs. Lyle Corey is directing this ministry.

Monrovia, Calif. (EP)—Calvary Temple, an independent Denver church, has raised more than \$250,000 to aid Somali refugees. In a laymen-led campaign, the church contributed the funds for relief efforts of World Vision at the Las Dure refugee camp in northwest Somalia.

## Revival Dates

Bassfield Church: July 12 — July 17; morning services Tuesday — Friday at 9 and evening services Sunday — Friday at 7:30; Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton, evangelist; John T. Burke from Louisville, music leader; Tommy Arinder, pastor.

Northcrest, Meridian: July 5-10; speakers: Chris Cornelius, pastor, Sunday morning; and Wednesday evening; Dave Young, former member of Northcrest who has recently surrendered to preach, Sunday evening; C. C. Arnold, retired, a member of Northcrest, Monday evening; Conrad Keene, retired, a member of Northcrest, Tuesday evening; laymen of the church, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Montpelier Church: July 12-17; Billy Guest, pastor at Corinth Church, Magee, evangelist; James Allgood, pastor of Blackjack Church, Vaughn, music director; Frank Childress, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Locust Street Church (Pike): July 12-17; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Ed McDaniel, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, evangelist; Kenneth White, minister of music at Locust Street, leading music; Thomas Wicker, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, West: July 12-17; Ernest Barnes, First Church, Newberry, Fla., evangelist; Craig Hartzong, student at Mississippi College, pastor.

Siloam Church (Simpson): July 12-19; Alton Fagan, pastor; Johnny Tucker of Citronelle, Ala., evangelist; dinner on the grounds, July 12, services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Siloam has a new church building. Organized in 1893 with 34 charter members, it now has 290 members, according to Mrs. E. L. Thompson, clerk.)

Rock Hill, Rt. 2, Brandon: July 12-17; A. J. Pace of Moss Point, evangelist; Ricky Patrick, youth and music minister at Rock Hill, leading the singing; Jack Black, interim pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with lunch at the church; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Pocahontas Church (Hinds-Madison): July 12-17; Finis Beauchamp, assistant to the pastor of Westview Church, Jackson, evangelist; David Worthington, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, song leader; services twice daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Lincoln): July 12-17; Jimmy Furr, Calvary, Greenville, evangelist; Johnny Dalton, Central, Brookhaven, music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mike Everett, pastor.

Cliff Temple Church, Natchez (Adams): July 12-17; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Marcus Marler, student at New Orleans Seminary, music director; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; W. G. Dowdy, pastor.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW

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Sincerely,  
Claire Nowlin

Would you check in your library or church offices to see if your church might still have possession of one of the copies of our movie, "Come Home with Me"? There are several on loan, and we would appreciate their return.

### "SPECIAL PROJECTS"

We gratefully announce that, thanks to men and boys from Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, New Albany, we have been able to renovate another cottage on the India Nunnery Campus. We are so thankful for the willingness of God's people to be used by Him to meet critical needs on the mission field that is The Baptist Children's Village. There are a number of cottages and a great deal of work left to be done, and we are excited at the prospect of working with any groups or individuals who wish to give of their unique gifts to help others.

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He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

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Trying to be the Father's love... that they may visualize Him.

Trying to love as He loves... that they may love Him in return.

And that the things standing between these "the little children" and God — the hindrances — may be wiped away... even as tears. Perhaps, that's exactly what the ministry of The Village is... removing the hindrances.

The Baptist Children's Village, the Christian Childcare Agency of The Mississippi Baptist Convention... providing a home and shelter to children who have neither; meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of children who have so many; an "equipping place" for "little children" who are of such great worth to The Father.

Recent July 4 Play Day activities lasted throughout the week of July 4 with tournaments in chess, checkers, foosball, pool, air hockey, competition in various swim events, and cross-country relays. A staff vs. young people volleyball game began the final day of competition that included special races, a hamburger luncheon, and ended with the annual watermelon feast. Bob Catlett, Director of Recreation, presented blue ribbons and awards following the outdoor lunch.

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## Uniform Lesson

### Give and take — and give

By Jim Keith, pastor, First, Gulfport  
Deuteronomy 6:4-15

In the prosaic account of the divine act of highest creation two ingredients were used by the Master in framing and animating the living form of man — the dust of the ground and the breath of God (Genesis 2:7). The exhaled breath of heaven became the inhaled breath of humanity. At that point dirt took life.

The living cycle only began in that action. God made man biologically incapable of "breathing in" without an accompanying "breathing out." As the dust must be returned (Ecclesiastes 3:20) so too the breath must be released. That which is given is that which is given back. This reveals the fundamental rule of reception and return: That which is accepted from God is that which is expected by God.

A basic law of dynamic energy teaches that every action must be accompanied by a compatible and consistent reaction. Such natural law finds a spiritual parallel within this passage. That which flows to man from God must also flow through man to God. Reception demands response. Upon that premise one can ask of the text: "What is expected by God in return for what is accepted from God?" Four answers are given:

#### I. Reveal his lordship through love! (vs. 4-5)

In taking verses 4 and 5 together two truths about the divine-human relationship are addressed: (1) the individuality of the Lord who is loved, and (2) the extent of one's love for the Lord. We take these separately.

1. The individuality of lordship (vs. 4): There is no passage closer to the heart of Hebrew theology than that found in verse 4. The "Shema" (Hebrew for the word "hear") as this verse is historically entitled, provides one of God's theological contributions through the Jews to a world which too often follows multiple or mistaken deities. The Hebrew commitment to "radical monotheism" (one God) explains why Jesus' personal identification with God (John 10:30) instigated adverse response (John 10:31) from people who lived exclusively by this truth. Man's response to God's individual and indivisible lordship is not only demanded by the Decalogue (Deuteronomy 5:7) but accentuated by Jesus (Mark 12:29; Matthew 6:24).

2. The extent of love (vs. 5): What is the expected response of man to divine lordship? Verse 5 provides God's answer: "LOVE". This desired love is unique in extent for two reasons: (1) its degree — "all;" and (2) its demands — "your heart, soul, strength." With the addition of a fourth distinctive element by Jesus, "mind" (Mark 12:30), one can conclude that man is divinely designed to love God (1) emotionally, "heart;" (2) spiritually, "soul;" (3) intellectually, "mind;" and (4) physically, "strength." Jesus also adds that to love God as Lord is to love those that the Lord loves (Mark 12:31). Related considerations: Deuteronomy 11:13-15; 1 John 4:19-21; John 21:15-17.

#### II. Recall his decrees through discipline (vs. 6-9)

"Upon your hearts" (vs. 6) refers to the intellectual potential of man (Proverbs 23:7; Psalms 119:11) and teaches that God's decrees are meant to be written upon the human life and not upon tablets of stone (Jeremiah 31:33). Three personal disciplines are demanded for accomplishing this task: (1) Teaching this truth to your children at home, in travel, before bed, and upon rising (vs. 7); Proverbs 22:6 promises that such training received in childhood will be returned in maturity; (2) Placing this truth upon the pulse of your life and in the center of your vision and thoughts (vs. 8); and (3) Attaching this truth to the doorway of your house so that it may speak to all who enter and exit (vs. 9). The combined discipline of verses 8 and 9 was intended to function as a means to an end. However, Jewish performance in following verse 8 (the making of phylacteries) and verse 9 (the making of mezuzahs) became an end in itself. The practice became more important to the participant than the purpose behind it and resulted in the legalism which Jesus denounced (Matthew 23:5ff). In like fashion Christians too often allow the discipline of personal devotion, church attendance, Bible study, etc., to become the end to personal service rather than the means for being molded.

#### III. Review his redemption through remembrance (vs. 10-12)

This passage suggests that man is more a victim of Providence than circumstance. All that one has ("land, large cities, houses and goods, wells, vineyards and olive groves") was

given ("you did not build, provide, dig, plant") (vs. 10-11). This is God's way of saying: "Count your blessings, name them one by one... see what God has done." It is a refrain similar to Joshua's convicting reminder that receipt from God (Joshua 24:11-13) demands response to God (Joshua 24:14-24). The final two-fold challenge is important to all — when one reaches the point of personal satisfaction (vs. 11): (1) Remember the one who gave you what you have ("Do not forget the Lord"), and (2) Remember the place from which you came ("out of Egypt... out of slavery") (vs. 12).

#### IV. Respect his righteousness through reverence (vs. 13-15)

To state that God is righteous is to acknowledge that God is right, does right, and will not tolerate wrong. That is the intention of this text when it speaks of God's fire ("his anger will burn") — vs. 15 and teaches that man is to "fear" that fire (vs. 13). Respect is demanded because (1) God "is a jealous God," (2) "his anger will burn," and (3) He has the power to "destroy you" (vs. 15). Reverence for God's righteousness will result in (1) allegiance ("serve him only"), (2) expression ("take your oath in his name"), and (3) direction ("do not follow other gods").

Give and take — and give! It is as natural as breathing! To receive from God requires response to God. Consequently, his lordship demands my love, his decrees demand my discipline, his redemption demands my remembrance, and his righteousness demands my reverence. As both give, both receive, and both God and man are "blessed" (Acts 20:35).

### On mission in nation's capital

Seventeen young people and adults from South Side Church, Meridian, will conduct Vacation Bible School at the National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. July 16-25. Under assignment from the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, the group has been in mission training sessions each week for six months. In addition to teaching Vacation Bible School in downtown Washington, the church's puppet and clown ministries will make presentations at the host church and at the Baptist Home For Children, Bethesda, Md.

According to Allen Tyner, minister of music and activities at South Side, the group will be lodged at Georgetown University. Afternoons have been left free for the Meridian group to sightsee in Washington.

Those making the tour are: Lynn Boardman, Vicky Boyd, Ouida Darsey, Tommy Darsey, T. R. Darsey, Sammy Dearman, Lynn Eldridge, Bruce Gibson, Toni Glover, Barbara Hopper, Jo Jones, Teresa Stallings, Allen Tyner, Brenda Tyner, Johnny Tyner, Janis Watson, and Tammy Wing.

### Olive Church builds pastorium

Olive Church, Lumberton, in Pearl River County, is building a new pastorium near the church. The structure is being bricked now. Completion is expected within the next month or so. The house will include four bedrooms, three baths, a large den, living room, kitchen, and double garage. Joe Beach is the pastor.

### Glade church crew builds near Pittsburgh

Charlie Jones, pastor, and a block laying crew of seven men from Glade Church, Laurel, began work on June 25 at University Baptist Church in the area of greater Pittsburgh, Penn.

University Church, Fred Jolly, pastor, broke ground May 10 for a two-story building that will provide for 175 people in the full church program.

The church is adjacent to Beaver County Community College, Monaca. It was organized in 1970 with Jolly as pastor. The congregation has worshiped in a converted barroom since that time.

Members purchased property for a building site in 1973. Plans to build had to be delayed until Center Township could solve its water and sewage treatment problems so that building within the township could be permitted.

"Glade Church has been supportive of University Church through prayer and ministry efforts for several years," reported James T. Cravens, director of missions, Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association.

Work crews have been scheduled throughout the summer to keep at it until the building is completed. Bill Wilson, Mission Service Corps volunteer with the Home Mission Board, has been the work crew coordinator. Work groups from Florida, Tennessee, and Texas, will be helping, as well as from Mississippi.



### Tylertown raises building funds

Tylertown Church recently completed a campaign to raise funds for a new Family Life Building. The membership committed itself to give \$230,000 toward this project. John Alexander, director Stewardship department, MBCB, was consultant for the campaign.

The Steering Committee for the campaign was: Back row (l to r) Nathan Graves, Robert Jones, Neil Mitchell, W. C. Burch. Front row: Mrs. Margaret Brumfield, Mrs. Mae Tynes, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, and Mrs. Betty Van Dan.

"This campaign was a real boost to the spiritual life of our church. We have had additions to the church throughout the campaign and last Sunday the offerings were over \$13,000. We deeply appreciate the contribution the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and its Stewardship department made to our church in this effort," Barts Harper, pastor, said.

### Calvary, Oak Grove, dedicates new sign as memorial

Dedication of a new sign provided by the Peter Lowrey Campbell, Sr., memorial fund at Calvary Church, Oak Grove, Lamar Association, was observed on Father's Day, June 21.

Douglas E. Benedict, pastor, said in part, "We dedicate this sign to the honor and glory of God our Heavenly Father — to Jesus Christ our Living Lord and Savior and for the direction of the Holy Spirit to aid us in our redemptive purpose to use every means available to lead the unsaved to salvation."

"Dedicated in memory of Peter Lowrey Campbell, Sr., faithful Christian, deacon, husband, father, and servant of God, who was called to be with the Heavenly Father on February 5, 1980," John E. Russell, deacon, offered the dedication prayer.

Peter Lowrey Campbell, Sr., was ordained deacon in 1945 and served in several churches in Lamar and Lebanon associations. He also taught Sunday School, served as church clerk, and on many committees. He had been a member at Calvary since 1967.

People are funny. Tell a man there are 735,688,412,564 stars in the universe and he'll believe you. But when the same man sees a sign reading "Wet Paint" he'll stop and make a personal investigation.

## Bible Book Series

### Christ's superior rest

By Lewis Sewell, pastor, First, Oxford  
Hebrews 3:1-4:13

The rest Christ gives to believers far exceeds that given to Israel in the Old Testament. The rest in this passage refers to fellowship and proper relationships in the will and presence of the Lord God for his people. Rest does not mean inactivity. The aim of this lesson is to describe the superiority of Christ's rest over the Old Testament promise of rest.

#### I. Christ's superiority as a Son (3:1-6)

Moses was a faithful servant in God's house. This role indicates the intimate relation between God and Moses. Jesus was a faithful Son over his house. Even though both Christ and Moses were faithful, the position of a son is worthy of more glory than that of a servant, for it carries with it a greater responsibility.

The word "house" in this passage is equivalent to the whole people of God whether under the old or new covenant. Christ is the Builder whereas Moses, even though occupying a position of great importance, was only a member or part of the house.

#### II. The greater danger of unbelief (3:7-19)

Since Jesus is superior to Moses, the responsibility of disobeying Christ is greater than the responsibility of disobeying Moses in the wilderness. The unbelief in Moses was forerunner of the destruction of the people of Israel. Many of the followers of Jesus were not following His example and because of apathy and unbelief were in danger of losing true spiritual blessings.

The quotation in 3:7-11 is from Psalm 95 and is used to introduce the words of the Holy Spirit. This usage implies the divine authorship of the Psalm. To the writer the Holy Spirit is still speaking in these words.

In verse eight "provocation" and "temptation" are translations of the proper names Meribah and Massah. The two names are of places where the people of Israel hardened their hearts in unbelief. The first is at the beginning of the wandering (Ex. 17:1-7) and the second is at the end (Nu. 14:1-13). The author of Hebrews saw a similarity between the attitude of those Jews who for forty years witnessed the works of God in the wilderness and the attitude of those Jews who for almost the same period had

seen the works of God in Christ and the early church.

In verse 12 the writer points out that "an evil heart of unbelief" leads to "departing from the living God." This is the first mention of the main thrust of the entire epistle. "Departing from the living God" was the condition of a person with a Judaistic background who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah after fully understanding the gospel. However, he was not genuinely converted because his commitment to Jesus was not genuine. Therefore, he was tempted to turn from his professed faith in Jesus and to return to Judaism.

#### III. The danger of missing Christ's rest (4:1-5)

The danger of missing Christ's rest is an individual matter. The author's call to attentive concern carries with it a suggestion that each person should examine himself lest he still not be in the way which leads to rest.

The rest mentioned in 3:11 was associated with the possession of the promised land. The promise of entering the "rest" of God remains open. To enter the presence of God and claim His promise is the goal of the people of today. This rest of Christ is obtained through faith in Jesus. It is not reached automatically. There is the possibility of missing the rest of Christ because of unbelief.

The good news of salvation (or rest) was preached to the readers of Hebrews as well as to their fathers in the wilderness. The message that the Israelites heard did not meet with that responsive faith in the hearers which could make the good news effectual. The good news of salvation must be applied in faith if it is to profit the hearer.

#### IV. The superiority of Christ's rest (4:6-11)

The writer's quotation of Psalm 95:7 (v. 3) demonstrates God's continuing offer of a rest greater than that Joshua led Israel to experience in the Promised Land. The conqueror of Canaan, Joshua, gave the children of Israel a certain rest; but this did not fulfill the promise of God.

The "Sabbath rest" of verse 9 is significant. The phrase is found only here in biblical Greek and the possibility exists that it may have been coined by the author. It does echo Gen. 2:2 and is used in a spiritual

sense. Moses and the law failed to give the people rest. The old covenant had come to an end and a new covenant had been made. A new people of God through this new covenant had taken the place of the old. They were the believers who were entering into God's sabbath rest.

#### V. The superiority of the Word (4:12-13)

The word "for" in verse 12 introduces the explanation of why the reader must be diligent in faith to enter the rest. The Word of God is not a personal word, but the Word which God speaks. It is the teaching or message of the Holy Spirit.

This Word of God penetrates into the deepest and most hidden part of a man's life. It does not look upon outward appearances but is skilled in judging the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### Off the Record

"Hey, you! Pull over!" shouted the traffic cop. The lady complied, and the judge next day fined her twenty-five dollars. She went home in great anxiety lest her husband, who always examined her checkbook, should learn of the incident. Then inspiration struck and she marked the check stub, "One pullover, \$25."

A group of children were shown through a large, modern bakery. At the end of the tour the guide asked if anyone had any questions about anything that went on in the bakery.

Little David gazed longingly at the frosted cakes and said, "Yes, ma'am. Could you please tell me who gets to lick the bowls?"

At the conclusion of a concert two ushers were applauding harder than anybody else. People seated nearby smiled appreciatively at the two music lovers until one of them stopped applauding and the other one was heard to say, "Keep clapping. One more encore and we're on overtime."

## Life and Work Lesson

### How should we respond to God?

By Joel E. Haire, pastor  
First Church, Crystal Springs  
Psalm 40:1-3, 6-12, 17

Almost as long as man has existed and as long as rebellious man in sin has existed our world has been filled with problems.

Even the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, experienced such difficulties in living with themselves that they could no longer live in harmony and fellowship with God. They were cast out of the Garden.

Judas, who had walked and talked with Jesus and was even one of Jesus' disciples, had a personal weakness to the temptation of Satan. This led him to betray Jesus, then to hate himself and finally to take his own life.

Pilate was a political ruler who hated the people he ruled. However, he bowed to a bloodthirsty mob of these people and sent Jesus to Calvary. Tradition says he never forgot this tragic hour. A few years afterward, in exile, wearied with misfortunes he killed himself.

Today we are the product of a society that seems to allow us a thin self tolerance line, so much so that our greatest difficulty may well be that of trying to live with ourselves and our own personal problems.

The psalmist certainly had his share of problems which invaded his life on more than one occasion. He remembered well one such period of time which is recorded in the beginning verses of Psalm 40. He remembered his problem, his plea, and his provider.

In the midst of his dire circumstances David reacted more to God and what God had available to meet those circumstances than he did to the circumstances themselves. His only reaction to the circumstances was to turn them over to God and wait patiently. He said, "I waited patiently for the Lord..." (40:1). The temptation here is to let the circumstances attract our attention and take our energy until we are preoccupied with the magnitude of our problems more than the magnificence of our provider.

As Christians we do not have to spend all of our time trying, if we have learned the lesson of trusting. Our own human tries may fail. We can trust God because he is greater than

we are and he is greater than all of our needs.

#### I. God never requires that our reaction be greater than his action (40:1-3)

Wouldn't it have been disappointing if the psalmist had said, "I waited patiently for the Lord and he complimented me for my patience?" Suppose the psalmist had said, "I waited patiently for the Lord and he quoted a poem on endurance?" How discouraging it would have been if the psalmist had said, "I waited patiently for the Lord and he said he really couldn't help me with this problem, but if I had another one sometime please feel free to call on him." These are human, not Godly responses.

What a contrast there is between the human kind of answers and the answers God gave. The psalmist has presented us with a grand array of God's answers.

1. He heard my cry (40:1). God turned aside to David and answered his cry for help.

2. He brought me up (40:2). God delivered him from destruction and misery.

3. He set my feet upon a rock (40:2). God set his feet upon solid ground.

4. He put a new song in my mouth (40:3). It was a song of praise unto God.

David expected that others would have their faith in God strengthened as a result of his experience. He would praise the Lord for a great and mighty work done in his life.

In David's praise to God an inner reality was more important than an outward ritual of sacrifice and offering. He would not allow these to become a substitute for his personal relationship to God.

#### II. Outward action must be motivated by a right inner action.

Some want to let sacrifice and offering take the place of an inner life that concentrates on God's will, law, righteousness, faithfulness, salvation, lovingkindness, and truth. Here we are taught that what we express on the outside can never be a substitute for what we are on the inside. A right inner attitude and relationship with God will result in conscientious giving that reaches a meaningful level of sacrifice.

Today Southern Baptists are talking about a new lifestyle that will enable us dramatically to lift our level of giving for bold missions. This will require more than a one time sacrifice. It will require a consistent attitude of sacrifice that comes not from the surface but from the heart.

David wanted to place two things at the very center of his life and let everything else revolve around these. He wanted to do the will of God. It was his "delight." Serving the Lord was not a burden but a blessing. He also possessed a deep desire for God's law. It was within his heart.

Whatever we do in Christian service should be done with a glad heart. Happy Christian living magnifies the blessings of God and the joy of service.

Even in the middle of David's rejoicing in the Lord he once again felt his deep need. As David proclaimed the righteousness, faithfulness, salvation, lovingkindness and truth of the Lord he was overwhelmed with his own unworthiness. Evils too numerous to count surrounded him. There was the deep and bitter consciousness of his own iniquities. His was a crushing load magnified by his weakness and frailty. His only hope was in the Lord.

#### III. When we feel incapable of anything we can look to God for everything (40:17).

After all was said and done the best the psalmist could expect from himself was to be poor and needy. In the midst of his need he knew the assurance of being in God's thoughts and care.

For us the question is not are we poor and needy. Rather the question is do we recognize our needs as we stand before God. We may or may not be plagued with the measure of difficulties David faced. Some of us may even find it hard to identify with David because things are going so well at the present time. However, before the magnificent presence of God all of us are poor and needy. Our strength and joy will come in letting God meet these needs.

Few burdens are heavy when everybody lifts.

Making a sin legal does not make it harmless.